STATE OF WYOMING

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0157

Tuition-dependents of deceased law enforcement officers.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Watt and Gay

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to peace officers; requiring the state to

2 pay the tuition and mandatory fees for dependents of peace

3 officers who die as a result of duty as specified;

4 providing for vouchers to be submitted to the attorney

5 general; providing rulemaking authority; providing an

6 appropriation; providing a definition; and providing for an

7 effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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11 Section 1. W.S. 9-1-639 is created to read:

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9-1-639. Dependents of peace officers; tuition

14 assistance.

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16 (a) The state shall pay the tuition and mandatory

17 fees in any university, community college or vocational

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- 1 training institution in Wyoming for the children and spouse
- 2 of any Wyoming peace officer who is killed in the line of
- 3 duty as a peace officer in this state.

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- 5 (b) A university, community college or vocational
- 6 training institution attended by a child or spouse
- 7 identified in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a
- 8 voucher to the state treasurer for payment. The state
- 9 treasurer shall pay the institution upon review and
- 10 approval by the attorney general.

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- 12 (c) The attorney general shall promulgate reasonable
- 13 rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of
- 14 this section. The rules shall include requirements to
- 15 establish eligibility under this section.

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- 17 (d) For purposes of this section, "peace officer"
- 18 means as defined by W.S. 7-2-101.

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- 20 **Section 2.** There is appropriated from the general
- 21 fund thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000.00) to the state
- 22 treasurer for purposes of this act.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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3 (END)

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