Public Law 105–390
105th Congress

An Act

To provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Police, Fire, and Emergency Officers Educational Assistance Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TO DEPENDENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS KILLED OR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.


(1) in the heading for subpart 2, by striking "Civilian Federal Law Enforcement" and inserting "Public Safety";
(2) in section 1211(1), by striking "civilian Federal law enforcement" and inserting "public safety";
(3) in section 1212(a)—
    (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking "Federal law enforcement" and inserting "public safety";
    (B) in paragraph (2), by striking "Financial" and inserting the following: "Except as provided in paragraph (3), financial"; and
    (C) by adding at the end the following:
    "(3) The financial assistance referred to in paragraph (2) shall be reduced by the sum of—
    "(A) the amount of educational assistance benefits from other Federal, State, or local governmental sources to which the eligible dependent would otherwise be entitled to receive; and
    "(B) the amount, if any, determined under section 1214(b).";
(4) in section 1214—
    (A) by inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—" before "The"; and
    (B) by adding at the end the following:
    "(b) SLIDING SCALE.—Notwithstanding section 1213(b), the Attorney General shall issue regulations regarding the use of a sliding scale based on financial need to ensure that an eligible dependent who is in financial need receives priority in receiving funds under this subpart.";

Nov. 13, 1998
42 USC 3796d-5. (5) in section 1216(a), by inserting "and each dependent of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty on or after October 1, 1997," after "1992,"; and

42 USC 3796d-6. (6) in section 1217—
(A) by striking paragraph (2); and
(B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 1525 (H.R. 3046):
May 15, considered and passed Senate.
Oct. 10, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.R. 3046.
Oct. 15, Senate concurred in House amendment.
Nov. 13, Presidential remarks.