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H. R. 5516

To increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen police officers,
firefighters, and other first responders.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2008

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. PLATTS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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police officers, firefighters, and other first responders.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Officer Daniel Faulk-
5 ner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. CALCULATION OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGI-**
7 **BILITY.**

8 Section 401(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
9 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(f)) is amended by adding at the end
10 the following new paragraph:

1 “(4)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) or any
2 other provision of this section, the expected family
3 contribution of each student described in subpara-
4 graph (B) shall be deemed to be zero for the period
5 during which each such student is eligible to receive
6 a Federal Pell Grant under subsection (c).

7 “(B) Subparagraph (A) shall apply to any stu-
8 dent at an institution of higher education—

9 “(i) whose parent or guardian—

10 “(I) was actively serving as a police
11 officer, firefighter, or other first responder;
12 and

13 “(II) died as a result of performing
14 service as such a first responder; and

15 “(ii) who was 18 years or less, or was en-
16 rolled as a full-time or part-time student at an
17 institution of higher education, as of the time
18 of the parent or guardian’s death.

19 “(C) For purposes of this paragraph—

20 “(i) the term ‘police officer, firefighter, or
21 other first responder’ means an individual
22 who—

23 “(I) is a police officer or firefighter in
24 a police department or fire department
25 which is organized and operated by a State

1 or political subdivision to provide police
2 protection, firefighting services, or emer-
3 gency medical services for any area within
4 the jurisdiction of such State or political
5 subdivision;

6 “(II) is an emergency medical services
7 provider who provides out-of-hospital emer-
8 gency medical care, including an emer-
9 gency medical technician, paramedic, or
10 certified first responder; or

11 “(III) is a member of a qualified vol-
12 unteer emergency response organization
13 who provides firefighting services or emer-
14 gency medical services; and

15 “(ii) the term ‘qualified volunteer emer-
16 gency response organization’ means any volun-
17 teer organization that—

18 “(I) is organized and operated to pro-
19 vide firefighting or emergency medical
20 services for persons in the State or polit-
21 ical subdivision, as the case may be; and

22 “(II) is required (by written agree-
23 ment) by the State or political subdivision
24 to furnish firefighting or emergency med-

1 ical services in such State or political sub-
2 division.”.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 The amendment made by section 2 of this Act shall
5 apply with respect to Federal Pell Grants awarded for aca-
6 demic year 2009–2010, and each succeeding academic
7 year.

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