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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 25 OF TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A TUITION WAIVER AT THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM TO COMMEMORATE THE MEN AND WOMEN KILLED OR CERTIFIED ONE HUNDRED (100) PERCENT DISABLED AS A RESULT OF ACTIVE SERVICE AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF  
2 GUAM:

3 Section 1. A new Article 13 is added to Chapter 15 of Title 17, Guam  
4 Code Annotated to read:

5 "Article 13

6 Tuition Waiver for Children and Spouse of Post-9/11 Heroes

7 § 151300. Establishment. There is hereby established a tuition  
8 waiver at the University of Guam and the Guam Community College  
9 to commemorate the men and women killed or certified one hundred  
10 (100) percent disabled as a result of active service in the Armed  
11 Forces of the United States after September 11, 2001.

1           **§ 151301. Definitions.** The following definitions shall be used  
2 in interpreting this Article:

3           (a) '*Child*' means a child, adopted child or stepchild of a service  
4 member.

5           (b) '*Eligible post-secondary institution*' means the University of  
6 Guam or the Guam Community College.

7           (c) '*Qualified student*' means a child, a spouse or an unremarried  
8 surviving spouse of a service member.

9           (d) '*Service member*' means a person and a resident of Guam  
10 who:

11                   (1) As a member of the Armed Forces of the United States,  
12 died on active duty after September 11, 2001;

13                   (2) As a member of the Armed Forces of the United States,  
14 died as a result of a military service connected disability  
15 sustained after September 11, 2001; or

16                   (3) Is one hundred (100) percent disabled as the result of a  
17 military service connected disability sustained after September  
18 11, 2001, as certified by the United States Department of  
19 Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the  
20 United States.

21           **§ 151302. Waiver.** An eligible post-secondary institution shall  
22 waive tuition for a qualified student for courses that may lead to an  
23 associate degree or baccalaureate degree. The maximum waiver  
24 granted under this section shall be as follows:

1 (a) For an associate degree, the total number of credit  
2 hours that equals two (2) years of full-time attendance at an  
3 eligible post-secondary institution; and

4 (b) For a baccalaureate degree, the total number of credit  
5 hours that equals four (4) years of full-time attendance at an  
6 eligible post-secondary institution.

7 **§ 151303. Limitations.** A waiver may not exceed the total  
8 number of credit hours the qualified student needs to graduate with  
9 an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree. A waiver may be  
10 granted under this Article only for credit hours for courses that are  
11 offered by an eligible post-secondary institution and are available for  
12 enrollment regardless of whether the qualified student attends the  
13 course and pays tuition. A child who applies for a waiver under this  
14 Article must be 23 years of age or younger at the time the child  
15 applies for a waiver.

16 **§ 151304. Requirements.** A qualified student may receive a  
17 waiver under § 151302 if the student:

18 (a) At the time of application for a waiver, is considered a  
19 resident of Guam for the purpose of determining tuition to be  
20 paid at an eligible post-secondary institution; and

21 (b) Has been admitted to an eligible post-secondary  
22 institution for a associate degree program or has been admitted  
23 to a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible post-secondary  
24 institution.”