

House File 2071 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to policies granting resident status for
2 purposes of paying postsecondary tuition and fees at public
3 institutions of higher education.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. **Short title.** This Act shall be known as the
2 "*Iowa Opportunities Workforce Act*".

3 Sec. 2. Section 260C.14, Code Supplement 2009, is amended by
4 adding the following new subsection:

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. Adopt a policy, to take effect
6 not later than January 1, 2011, relating to an additional
7 classification of students for purposes of determining tuition
8 and fees that provides equal opportunity for granting resident
9 status to individuals who meet all of the following conditions:

10 a. Attended an accredited school in this state for at least
11 five years as of the date the individual graduated from an
12 accredited high school or received a high school equivalency
13 diploma in this state.

14 b. Is accepted for enrollment in a community college in this
15 state.

16 c. Was not required to pay tuition to attend a public high
17 school in this state.

18 d. Signs an affidavit, if the individual does not have a
19 social security number, stating that the individual will pursue
20 citizenship in the United States at the earliest possible time
21 the individual is able to do so.

22 Sec. 3. Section 262.9, Code Supplement 2009, is amended by
23 adding the following new subsection:

24 NEW SUBSECTION. 36. Adopt a policy, to take effect
25 not later than January 1, 2011, relating to an additional
26 classification of students for purposes of determining tuition
27 and fees that provides equal opportunity for granting resident
28 status to individuals who meet all of the following conditions:

29 a. Attended an accredited school in this state for at least
30 five years as of the date the individual graduated from an
31 accredited high school or received a high school equivalency
32 diploma in this state.

33 b. Is accepted for enrollment in a university under the
34 control of the board in this state.

35 c. Was not required to pay tuition to attend a public high

1 school in this state.

2 *d.* Signs an affidavit, if the individual does not have a
3 social security number, stating that the individual will pursue
4 citizenship in the United States at the earliest possible time
5 the individual is able to do so.

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EXPLANATION

7 This bill directs the board of directors of a community
8 college and the state board of regents to adopt policies,
9 to take effect not later than January 1, 2011, relating to
10 an additional classification of students for purposes of
11 determining tuition and fees that provide equal opportunity
12 for granting resident status to certain individuals. The bill
13 includes a short title so that it will be known and may be cited
14 to as the "Iowa Opportunities Workforce Act".

15 To meet the requirements of the policy, an individual
16 must have attended an accredited school in this state for
17 at least five years or received a high school equivalency
18 diploma in this state, be accepted for enrollment in a public
19 postsecondary institution in this state, must not have been
20 required to pay tuition to attend a public high school in this
21 state, and must sign an affidavit, if the individual does not
22 have a social security number, stating that the individual
23 will pursue U.S. citizenship at the earliest possible time the
24 individual is able to do so.