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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:

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- 1 Section 1. Short title. This Act shall be known as the
- 2 "Iowa Opportunities Workforce Act".
- 3 Sec. 2. Section 260C.14, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
- 4 following new subsection:
- 5 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. Adopt a policy, to take effect
- 6 not later than January 1, 2012, 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.
- Sec. 3. Section 262.9, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
- 23 following new subsection:
- 24 NEW SUBSECTION. 36. Adopt a policy, to take effect
- 25 not later than January 1, 2012, 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

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- 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.
- 6 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, 2012, 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".
- 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.