

House File 113 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring proof of citizenship or lawful presence in the
2 country as a condition of applying for student financial
3 assistance for students attending certain postsecondary
4 institutions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2011, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. Require an individual who submits an
4 application for student financial assistance to the community
5 college to provide proof of United States citizenship or proof
6 that the individual is lawfully present in the United States.
7 An individual who cannot provide such proof shall not be
8 awarded student financial assistance by the community college.

9 Sec. 2. Section 262.9, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 36. Direct each of the institutions of
12 higher education under the board's control to require an
13 individual who submits an application for student financial
14 assistance to the institution to provide proof of United States
15 citizenship or proof that the individual is lawfully present
16 in the United States. An individual who cannot provide such
17 proof shall not be awarded student financial assistance by the
18 institution.

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EXPLANATION

20 This bill directs the boards of directors of community
21 colleges and the state board of regents to require applicants
22 for student financial assistance at colleges and universities
23 governed by the boards to provide proof of United States
24 citizenship or proof that the individual is lawfully present
25 in the United States. The community colleges and regents
26 universities are also prohibited from awarding student
27 financial assistance to an individual who cannot provide such
28 proof.