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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to policies at public institutions of higher
2 education granting resident status for purposes of paying
3 postsecondary tuition and fees.

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

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. Adopt a policy, to take effect
4 not later than January 1, 2016, relating to an additional
5 classification of students for purposes of determining tuition
6 and fees, that provides equal opportunity for granting resident
7 status to individuals who meet all of the following conditions:
8 a. Attended an accredited school in this state for at least
9 five years as of the date the individual graduated from an
10 accredited high school or received a high school equivalency
11 diploma in this state.

12 b. Is accepted for enrollment by the community college.

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

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

19 Sec. 2. Section 262.9, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
20 following new subsection:

21 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Adopt a policy, to take effect
22 not later than January 1, 2016, relating to an additional
23 classification of students for purposes of determining tuition
24 and fees, that provides equal opportunity for granting resident
25 status to individuals who meet all of the following conditions:

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

30 b. Is accepted for enrollment by a university under the
31 control of the board.

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

34 d. Signs an affidavit, if the individual does not have a
35 social security number, stating that the individual will pursue

1 citizenship in the United States at the earliest possible time
2 the individual is able to do so.

3 EXPLANATION

4 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
5 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6 This bill directs the board of directors of a community
7 college and the state board of regents to adopt policies
8 that take effect not later than January 1, 2016, relating
9 to an additional classification of students for purposes of
10 determining tuition and fees, that provide equal opportunity
11 for granting resident status to certain individuals.

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