

**House File 27 - Introduced**

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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 2017, 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, 2018, relating to an additional  
5 classification of students for purposes of determining tuition  
6 and fees, to grant resident status to individuals who meet all  
7 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 2017, 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, 2018, relating to an additional  
23 classification of students for purposes of determining tuition  
24 and fees, to grant resident status to individuals who meet all  
25 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, 2018, relating  
9 to an additional classification of students for purposes of  
10 determining tuition and fees, to grant resident status to  
11 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.