

**House Study Bill 549 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON  
COLLINS)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to tuition charged to resident undergraduate  
2 students enrolled at regents institutions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 43. Direct each institution of higher  
4 education governed by the board to establish a policy whereby the  
5 tuition amount charged to students classified as residents that  
6 is charged to an undergraduate student in the student's first  
7 academic year of enrollment, commencing with a first academic  
8 year of enrollment beginning in or after 2027, will not increase  
9 in the student's subsequent academic years of undergraduate  
10 enrollment. For a student who begins their first academic year  
11 of undergraduate enrollment with sufficient academic transfer  
12 credits that the student can complete a baccalaureate degree  
13 program in less than four academic years, this requirement  
14 only applies for the number of academic years necessary for  
15 the student to complete a degree program with their academic  
16 transfer credits, rounded up. This subsection does not apply  
17 to any academic years beyond three consecutive academic years of  
18 undergraduate enrollment after a student's first academic year of  
19 enrollment.

20 EXPLANATION

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

23 This bill requires the state board of regents to direct  
24 each regents institution to establish a policy whereby the  
25 tuition amount charged to students classified as residents that  
26 is charged to an undergraduate student in the student's first  
27 academic year of enrollment will not increase in the student's  
28 subsequent academic years of undergraduate enrollment. This  
29 requirement applies to a student's first academic year of  
30 enrollment that begins in or after 2027. The bill provides  
31 limitations on this requirement.