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BY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 549)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 12, 2026)

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:

1 Section 1. Section 262.9, subsection 19, Code 2026, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* Limit any increase in the amount of
4 tuition charged by an institution of higher education under
5 the board's control to a resident undergraduate student to the
6 average of the increases in the higher education price index
7 in the previous three years. This paragraph does not apply
8 to a resident undergraduate student in an academic year if
9 the tuition amount that can be charged to the student in the
10 academic year is limited pursuant to subsection 43.

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

13 NEW SUBSECTION. 43. *a.* Direct each institution of higher
14 education governed by the board to establish a policy whereby
15 the tuition amount charged to students classified as residents
16 that is charged to an undergraduate student in the student's
17 first academic year of enrollment, commencing with a first
18 academic year of enrollment beginning in or after 2027, will
19 not increase in the student's subsequent academic years of
20 undergraduate enrollment.

21 *b.* This subsection only applies to an undergraduate student
22 if, upon enrollment, the student pays a fee to the institution
23 in an amount established by the board not to exceed ten percent
24 of the base resident undergraduate tuition amount for the
25 student's first academic year of enrollment.

26 *c.* For a student who begins the student's first academic
27 year of undergraduate enrollment with sufficient academic
28 transfer credits that the student can complete a baccalaureate
29 degree program in less than four academic years, this
30 subsection only applies for the number of academic years
31 necessary for the student to complete a degree program with the
32 student's academic transfer credits, rounded up.

33 *d.* If an undergraduate student transfers to another
34 institution of higher education governed by the board after the
35 student's first academic year of enrollment, and the tuition

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1 amount that would have been charged to the student during that
2 first academic year by the institution to which the student
3 transfers is greater than the amount charged to the student
4 by the institution from which the student transferred, the
5 institution to which the student transfers may charge the
6 student the greater tuition amount.

7 e. This subsection does not apply to any academic years
8 beyond three consecutive academic years of undergraduate
9 enrollment after a student's first academic year of enrollment.