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# HOUSE BILL 2495

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1802, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO  
CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS FOR TUITION PURPOSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-1802, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-1802. In-state student status

5 A. Except as otherwise provided in this article, no person having a  
6 domicile elsewhere than in this state is eligible for classification as an  
7 in-state student for tuition purposes.

8 B. A person is not entitled to classification as an in-state student  
9 until the person is domiciled in this state for one year, except that a  
10 person whose domicile is in this state is entitled to classification as an  
11 in-state student if the person meets one of the following requirements:

12 1. The person's parent's domicile is in this state and the parent is  
13 entitled to claim the person as an exemption for state and federal tax  
14 purposes.

15 2. The person is an employee of an employer that transferred the  
16 person to this state for employment purposes or the person is the spouse of  
17 such an employee.

18 3. The person is an employee of a school district in this state and is  
19 under contract to teach on a full-time basis or is employed as a full-time  
20 noncertified classroom aide at a school within that school district. For the  
21 purposes of this paragraph, the person is eligible for classification as an  
22 in-state student only for courses necessary to complete the requirements for  
23 certification by the state board of education to teach in a school district  
24 in this state. No member of the person's family is eligible for  
25 classification as an in-state student if the person is eligible for  
26 classification as an in-state student pursuant to this paragraph, unless the  
27 family member is otherwise eligible for classification as an in-state student  
28 pursuant to this section.

29 4. The person's spouse has established domicile in this state for at  
30 least one year and has demonstrated intent and financial independence and is  
31 entitled to claim the student as an exemption for state and federal tax  
32 purposes or the person's spouse was temporarily out of state for educational  
33 purposes, but maintained a domicile in this state. If the person is a  
34 noncitizen, the person must be in an eligible visa status pursuant to federal  
35 law to classify as an in-state student for tuition purposes.

36 C. The domicile of an unemancipated person is that of the person's  
37 parent.

38 D. Any unemancipated person who remains in this state when the  
39 person's parent, who had been domiciled in this state, removes from this  
40 state is entitled to classification as an in-state student until attainment  
41 of the degree for which currently enrolled, as long as the person maintains  
42 continuous attendance.

43 E. A person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States  
44 and who is stationed in this state pursuant to military orders or who is the  
45 spouse or a dependent child as defined in section 43-1001 of a person who is

1 a member of the armed forces of the United States and who is stationed in  
2 this state pursuant to military orders is entitled to classification as an  
3 in-state student. A spouse or a dependent child does not lose in-state  
4 student classification under this subsection if the spouse or dependent child  
5 qualifies for in-state tuition classification at the time the spouse or  
6 dependent child is accepted for admission to a community college under the  
7 jurisdiction of a community college district governing board or a university  
8 under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents. The student, while  
9 in continuous attendance toward the degree for which currently enrolled, does  
10 not lose in-state student classification.

11 F. A person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States  
12 or the spouse or a dependent as defined in section 43-1001 of a member of the  
13 armed forces of the United States is entitled to classification as an  
14 in-state student if the member of the armed forces has claimed this state as  
15 the person's state of legal residence for at least twelve consecutive months  
16 before the member of the armed forces, spouse or dependent enrolls in a  
17 university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents or a  
18 community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district  
19 governing board. For the purposes of this subsection, the requirement that a  
20 person be domiciled in this state for one year before enrollment to qualify  
21 for in-state student classification does not apply.

22 G. A person who is honorably discharged from the armed forces of the  
23 United States shall be granted immediate classification as an in-state  
24 student on honorable discharge from the armed forces and, while in continuous  
25 attendance toward the degree for which currently enrolled, does not lose  
26 in-state student classification if the person has met all of the following  
27 requirements:

28 1. Declared Arizona as the person's legal residence with the person's  
29 branch of service at least one year prior to discharge from the armed forces.

30 2. Demonstrated objective evidence of intent to be a resident of  
31 Arizona which, for the purposes of this section, includes at least one of the  
32 following:

33 (a) An Arizona driver license.

34 (b) Arizona motor vehicle registration.

35 (c) Employment history in Arizona.

36 (d) Arizona voter registration.

37 (e) Transfer of major banking services to Arizona.

38 (f) Change of permanent address on all pertinent records.

39 (g) Other materials of whatever kind or source relevant to domicile or  
40 residency status.

41 3. Filed an Arizona income tax return with the department of revenue  
42 during the previous tax year.

1           H. A person who is a member of an Indian tribe recognized by the  
2 United States department of the interior whose reservation land lies in this  
3 state and extends into another state and who is a resident of the reservation  
4 is entitled to classification as an in-state student.

5           I. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION G OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON WHO WAS  
6 SERVING AT A MILITARY INSTALLATION IN THIS STATE AT THE TIME THE PERSON WAS  
7 HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM ANY BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES  
8 IS ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE CLASSIFICATION AS AN IN-STATE STUDENT, WITHOUT  
9 REGARD TO THE LENGTH OF TIME THE PERSON WAS DOMICILED IN THIS STATE.