

REFERENCE TITLE: in-state student status; nonimmigrant aliens

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Introduced by
Representatives Márquez: Abeytia, Aguilar, Austin, Cavero, Connolly,
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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1803, 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. Subject to the requirements of article IV, part 1,
3 section 1, Constitution of Arizona, section 15-1803, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 15-1803. Alien in-state student status; nonresident tuition
6 exemption

7 A. An alien is entitled to classification as an in-state refugee
8 student if the person has been granted refugee status in accordance with
9 all applicable laws of the United States and has met all other
10 requirements for domicile.

11 B. Notwithstanding any other law, a student, other than a
12 nonimmigrant alien as described in 8 United States Code section
13 1101(a)(15), who meets both of the following requirements is eligible for
14 in-state tuition at any university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona
15 board of regents or at any community college as defined in section
16 15-1401:

17 1. Attended ~~any~~ **OR IS ATTENDING A** public or private high school
18 option or homeschool equivalent pursuant to section 15-802 while
19 physically present in this state for at least two years.

20 2. Graduated from any public or private high school option or
21 homeschool equivalent pursuant to section 15-802 while physically present
22 in this state or obtained a high school equivalency diploma in this state.

23 C. Persons without lawful immigration status are eligible for
24 in-state tuition pursuant to subsection B of this section.

25 Sec. 2. Requirements for enactment; three-fourths vote

26 Pursuant to article IV, part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona,
27 section 15-1803, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, is
28 effective only on the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the
29 members of each house of the legislature.