

REFERENCE TITLE: in-state student status; postsecondary education

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Introduced by
Representatives Way, Fink, Keshel

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENACTING AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE OF A MEASURE RELATING
TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS FOR TUITION PURPOSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
2 the Senate concurring:

3 1. Under the power of the referendum, as vested in the Legislature,
4 the following measure, relating to classification of students for tuition
5 purposes, is enacted to become valid as a law if approved by the voters
6 and on proclamation of the Governor:

7 AN ACT

8 REPEALING SECTION 15-1802, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING
9 TITLE 15, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
10 ADDING A NEW SECTION 15-1802; REPEALING SECTION 15-1803,
11 ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF
12 STUDENTS FOR TUITION PURPOSES.

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

14 Section 1. Delayed repeal

15 Section 15-1802, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed
16 from and after June 30, 2027.

17 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 14, article 1, Arizona
18 Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section 15-1802,
19 to read:

20 15-1802. In-state student status; requirements

21 A. BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2027, AN INDIVIDUAL IS ENTITLED
22 TO CLASSIFICATION AS AN IN-STATE STUDENT FOR TUITION PURPOSES
23 AT ANY UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD
24 OF REGENTS OR AT ANY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION
25 15-1401 ONLY IF THE INDIVIDUAL MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

26 1. COMPLETED AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF INSTRUCTION IN ANY
27 OF GRADES ONE THROUGH TWELVE WHILE PRESENT IN THIS STATE AND
28 EITHER:

29 (a) ATTENDED A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A PRIVATE SCHOOL OR
30 HOMESCHOOL AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-802.

31 (b) PARTICIPATED IN AN ARIZONA EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP
32 ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-2402.

33 2. EITHER:

34 (a) GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE.

35 (b) WAS AWARDED AN ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY
36 DIPLOMA PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-702.

37 3. EITHER:

38 (a) IS A CITIZEN OR LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE UNITED
39 STATES.

40 (b) HAS LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

41 B. A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1401
42 MAY NOT CLASSIFY A STUDENT AS A RESIDENT FOR TUITION PURPOSES
43 IF THE STUDENT IS NOT ENTITLED TO CLASSIFICATION AS AN
44 IN-STATE STUDENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

1 Sec. 3. Delayed repeal
2 Section 15-1803, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed
3 from and after June 30, 2027.

4 Sec. 4. Severability
5 If a provision of this act or its application to any
6 person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does
7 not affect other provisions or applications of the act that
8 can be given effect without the invalid provision or
9 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
10 severable.

11 Sec. 5. Short title
12 This act may be cited as "The Arizona Tuition Fairness
13 and Legal Status Act".

14 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
15 voters at the next general election as provided by article IV, part 1,
16 section 1, Constitution of Arizona.