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REFERENCE TITLE: **postsecondary education; nonresident tuition exemption**

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HB 2256

Introduced by
Representatives Avelar, Loredó, Sedillo, Miranda, Lugo, Senator Aguirre:
Representatives Camarot, Clark, Norris

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1803, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-1803, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-1803. Alien in-state student status

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

9 B. A PERSON WHO HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS BUT WHO IS WITHOUT
10 LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS IS ENTITLED TO CLASSIFICATION AS AN IN-STATE
11 STUDENT IF THE PERSON MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

12 1. THE PERSON ATTENDED A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST THREE
13 YEARS.

14 2. THE PERSON GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE OR OBTAINED A
15 GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA WHILE IN THIS STATE.

16 3. THE PERSON FILES AN AFFIDAVIT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY
17 COLLEGE THAT STATES THAT THE PERSON HAS FILED AN APPLICATION TO LEGALIZE THE
18 PERSON'S IMMIGRATION STATUS OR WILL FILE AN APPLICATION TO LEGALIZE THE
19 PERSON'S IMMIGRATION STATUS AS SOON AS THE PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO DO SO.

20 C. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
21 COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL ADOPT RULES TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS
22 SECTION.

23 D. A PERSON WHO IS CLASSIFIED AS AN IN-STATE STUDENT PURSUANT TO THIS
24 SECTION IS ENTITLED TO THE SAME RIGHTS AND BENEFITS AS ANY OTHER IN-STATE
25 STUDENT, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

26 E. ANY INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY A PERSON TO A UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY
27 COLLEGE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS CONFIDENTIAL.