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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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02/25/2013	384	Introduction and first reading Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development
03/18/2013	1122a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance
04/24/2013	2621a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	2689	Second reading
05/01/2013	3161	Special Order
	3162	Third reading Passed

A bill for an act  
relating to higher education; providing for the treatment of undocumented  
immigrants with respect to financial aid and tuition at public postsecondary  
institutions; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section  
136A.101, subdivision 8; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
chapter 135A; repealing Minnesota Rules, part 4830.0100, subpart 5, item F.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[135A.043] RESIDENT TUITION.**

(a) A student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of United States  
Code, title 8, section 1101, subsection (a), paragraph (15), shall qualify for a resident  
tuition rate or its equivalent at state universities and colleges if the student meets all of the  
following requirements:

- (1) high school attendance within the state for three or more years;
- (2) graduation from a state high school or attainment within the state of the  
equivalent of high school graduation; and
- (3) in the case of a student without lawful immigration status: (i) documentation  
that the student has complied with selective service registration requirements; and (ii) if a  
federal process exists for the student to obtain lawful immigration status the student must  
present the higher education institution with documentation from federal immigration  
authorities that the student has filed an application to obtain lawful immigration status.

(b) This section is in addition to any other statute, rule, or higher education  
institution regulation or policy providing eligibility for a resident tuition rate or its  
equivalent to a student.

(c) The Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota is requested to adopt a  
policy implementing this section.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to tuition for school terms commencing on or after that date.

Sec. 2. **[135A.044] PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP AID.**

A public postsecondary institution may use private sources of funding to provide aid to a student eligible for resident tuition under section 135A.043. This section is in addition to any other authority of an institution to provide financial aid.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to financial aid for school terms commencing on or after that date.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 136A.101, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Resident student.** "Resident student" means a student who meets one of the following conditions:

(1) a student who has resided in Minnesota for purposes other than postsecondary education for at least 12 months without being enrolled at a postsecondary educational institution for more than five credits in any term;

(2) a dependent student whose parent or legal guardian resides in Minnesota at the time the student applies;

(3) a student who graduated from a Minnesota high school, if the student was a resident of Minnesota during the student's period of attendance at the Minnesota high school and the student is physically attending a Minnesota postsecondary educational institution;

(4) a student who, after residing in the state for a minimum of one year, earned a high school equivalency certificate in Minnesota;

(5) a member, spouse, or dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in Minnesota on active federal military service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5c;

(6) a spouse or dependent of a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, if the veteran is a Minnesota resident;

(7) a person or spouse of a person who relocated to Minnesota from an area that is declared a presidential disaster area within the preceding 12 months if the disaster interrupted the person's postsecondary education; ~~or~~

(8) a person defined as a refugee under United States Code, title 8, section 1101(a)(42), who, upon arrival in the United States, moved to Minnesota and has continued to reside in Minnesota; or

(9) a student eligible for resident tuition under section 135A.043.

3.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment  
3.2 and applies to school terms commencing on or after that date.

3.3 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.4 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2014 is appropriated from the general fund to the Office of  
3.5 Higher Education for the information technology costs associated with the implementation  
3.6 of this act. This is a onetime appropriation.

3.7 Sec. 5. **REPEALER.**

3.8 Minnesota Rules, part 4830.0100, subpart 5, item F, is repealed.

3.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Rule: S0723-2

**4830.0100 DEFINITIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS. Subp. 5. Eligible student.**

F. is a permanent resident of the United States, if the student is not a United States citizen; and