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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CREATING AN OPTIONAL CATEGORY OF TUITION AT  
102 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Unless the governing board of an institution of higher education (institution) adopts a policy stating that it will not offer standard-rate tuition, the bill requires an institution of higher education to classify a student, other than certain foreign students or trainees defined in federal law, as a standard-rate student for tuition purposes so long as the student:

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

! Attended a public or private high school in Colorado for 3 or more years immediately preceding the date the student graduated from a Colorado high school or earned a general educational development certificate (certificate) in Colorado; and

! Is admitted to an institution in Colorado within 12 months after graduating from high school or earning a certificate.

The bill provides a one-year exception to the eligibility requirements for a student who meets all of the eligibility requirements but was not admitted to an institution within 12 months after graduating from high school or earning a certificate. The exception is repealed after one year.

A student applying for the tuition classification who does not have documentation of lawful immigration or nationality status shall submit an affidavit to the institution stating that he or she is requesting documentation of, has applied for, or will be applying for, lawful status as soon as he or she is eligible. The information contained in the affidavit is confidential and is a protected education record of the student.

A student classified as a standard-rate student is not eligible for a college opportunity fund stipend or for any state-funded, need-based financial aid.

Eligibility for the tuition classification is not based upon residency. A student classified as a standard-rate student for tuition purposes shall not be counted as a resident, and the tuition classification shall not be deemed to establish residency or domicile for any purpose.

A student paying standard-rate tuition shall pay the student's share of in-state tuition plus an amount equal to the college opportunity fund stipend awarded to in-state students.

Verification of lawful presence in the United States is not required for persons applying for the tuition classification.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-7-112 as  
3 follows:

4           **23-7-112. Classification for standard-rate tuition - repeal.**

5 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE  
6 CONTRARY, AN INSTITUTION THAT HAS NOT ADOPTED A POLICY DESCRIBED  
7 IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CLASSIFY A STUDENT WHO  
8 MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS AS A STANDARD-RATE

1 STUDENT FOR TUITION PURPOSES:

2 (a) THE STUDENT ATTENDED A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL  
3 IN COLORADO FOR THREE OR MORE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE  
4 DATE THAT THE STUDENT EITHER GRADUATED FROM A COLORADO HIGH  
5 SCHOOL OR EARNED A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
6 CERTIFICATE IN COLORADO; AND

7 (b) THE STUDENT IS ADMITTED TO AN INSTITUTION IN COLORADO  
8 WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING FROM A COLORADO HIGH  
9 SCHOOL OR EARNING A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
10 CERTIFICATE IN COLORADO.

11 (2) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF  
12 THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, AN INSTITUTION THAT HAS NOT ADOPTED  
13 A POLICY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION SHALL CLASSIFY  
14 A STUDENT AS A STANDARD-RATE STUDENT FOR TUITION PURPOSES IF THE  
15 STUDENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
16 SECTION; EXCEPT THAT THE STUDENT WAS NOT ADMITTED TO AN  
17 INSTITUTION WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING FROM A  
18 COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL OR EARNING A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL  
19 DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE IN COLORADO.

20 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

21 (3) (a) PRIOR TO CLASSIFYING A STUDENT AS A STANDARD-RATE  
22 STUDENT FOR TUITION PURPOSES, THE INSTITUTION SHALL REQUIRE A  
23 STUDENT WHO DOES NOT HAVE DOCUMENTATION OF LAWFUL  
24 IMMIGRATION OR NATIONALITY STATUS TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT TO THE  
25 INSTITUTION TO WHICH THE STUDENT IS ADMITTED STATING THAT THE  
26 STUDENT HAS REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION OF, HAS APPLIED FOR, OR WILL  
27 FILE AN APPLICATION FOR LAWFUL STATUS AS SOON AS HE OR SHE IS

1 ELIGIBLE TO DO SO.

2 (b) INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM A STUDENT FOR THE PURPOSES  
3 OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION IS CONFIDENTIAL. AN INSTITUTION THAT  
4 RECEIVES AN AFFIDAVIT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
5 SUBSECTION (3) SHALL TREAT THE AFFIDAVIT AS AN EDUCATION RECORD  
6 OF THE STUDENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL "FAMILY  
7 EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974", 20 U.S.C. SEC.  
8 1232g.

9 (4) A STUDENT WHO IS CLASSIFIED AS A STANDARD-RATE STUDENT  
10 FOR TUITION PURPOSES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR  
11 A STIPEND PURSUANT TO THE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM  
12 CREATED IN SECTION 23-18-201 AND IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE  
13 STATE-FUNDED, NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID.

14 (5) (a) ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASSIFICATION AS A STANDARD-RATE  
15 STUDENT FOR TUITION PURPOSES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS NOT  
16 BASED UPON RESIDENCY.

17 (b) A STUDENT CLASSIFIED AS A STANDARD-RATE STUDENT FOR  
18 TUITION PURPOSES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AS  
19 A RESIDENT AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A RESIDENT OR DOMICILIARY AS  
20 A RESULT OF HIS OR HER TUITION CLASSIFICATION PURSUANT TO THIS  
21 SECTION.

22 (c) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE INTENDED TO SATISFY  
23 THE PROVISIONS OF 8 U.S.C. SEC. 1621(d) TO THE EXTENT THAT IT MAY BE  
24 APPLICABLE.

25 (6) THE GOVERNING BOARD OF AN INSTITUTION MAY ADOPT A  
26 POLICY STATING THAT THE INSTITUTION WILL NOT OFFER THE  
27 STANDARD-RATE TUITION CLASSIFICATION.

1           (7) A STUDENT WHO PAYS STANDARD-RATE TUITION PURSUANT TO  
2 THIS SECTION SHALL PAY THE STUDENT'S SHARE OF IN-STATE TUITION, AS  
3 DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102, PLUS AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE COLLEGE  
4 OPPORTUNITY FUND STIPEND AWARDED TO IN-STATE STUDENTS.

5           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.5-103, **amend**  
6 (3) (g) and (3) (h); and **add** (3) (i) as follows:

7           **24-76.5-103. Verification of lawful presence - exceptions -**  
8 **reporting - rules.** (3) Verification of lawful presence in the United  
9 States shall not be required:

10           (g) For individuals over the age of eighteen years and under the  
11 age of nineteen years who continue to be eligible for medical assistance  
12 programs after their eighteenth birthday; ~~or~~

13           (h) For renewing an educator license pursuant to article 60.5 of  
14 title 22, C.R.S.; OR

15           (i) FOR CLASSIFICATION AS A STANDARD-RATE STUDENT FOR  
16 TUITION PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-7-112, C.R.S.

17           **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.