HOUSE BILL No. 1071

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-32-1-6; IC 21-14.

Synopsis: Resident tuition rate. Provides that an individual who meets certain conditions is eligible for the resident tuition rate as determined by the state educational institution. Requires such an individual to verify that the individual meets the criteria to receive the resident tuition rate.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1   SECTION 1. IC 12-32-1-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.172-2018,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6. An agency or a political subdivision required
4 to verify the eligibility of an individual under section 5 of this chapter
5 shall do the following:
6   (1) Require the individual to execute a verification stating under
7   penalty of perjury ~~that the individual:~~ **one (1) of the following:**
8   (A) **The individual** is a United States citizen.
9   (B) **The individual** is a qualified alien (as defined under 8
10   U.S.C. 1641). ~~or~~
11   (C) **The individual** meets the following:
12   (i) The individual is authorized by the federal government to
13   work in the United States as provided under section 6.5 of
14   this chapter.
15   (ii) The individual is executing the verification only for the
16   purpose of applying for a professional or occupational
17   license (as defined **in** section 6.5(a) of this chapter).

  (D) The individual:

    (i) is not applying for any state or local public benefit or federal public benefit, other than the resident tuition rate, that is provided by the agency or political subdivision; and

    (ii) meets the requirements under IC 21-14-11.5-1.

  (2) Maintain a verification executed in accordance with subdivision (1) for at least five (5) years.

  SECTION 2. IC 21-14-11-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.180-2013, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1. (a) This section does not apply to an individual who was enrolled in a state educational institution on or before July 1, 2011.

  (b) **Except as provided in IC 21-14-11.5-1,** an individual who is not lawfully present in the United States is not eligible to pay the resident tuition rate that is determined by the state educational institution.

  SECTION 3. IC 21-14-11.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]:

  Chapter 11.5. Resident Tuition for Eligible Individuals

  Sec. 1. An individual is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate that is determined by a state educational institution if the individual:

    (1) attended a public or nonpublic high school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-7) in Indiana for at least three (3) years; and

    (2) has received a diploma of graduation, or the equivalent of a diploma, from a public or nonpublic high school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-7) in Indiana.

  Sec. 2. The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.