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HOUSE BILL **675-FN**

AN ACT relative to eligibility for in-state tuition rates at the university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire.

SPONSORS: Rep. Gottling, Sull 2; Rep. A. Schmidt, Sull 1; Rep. Burton, Straf 6; Rep. Kidder, Merr 5; Rep. P. Schmidt, Straf 19

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes eligibility requirements for in-state tuition status for students in the university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

AN ACT relative to eligibility for in-state tuition rates at the university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 University System of New Hampshire; Authority of the Trustees. Amend RSA 187-A:16, XXIII
2 to read as follows:

3 XXIII. Require every student admitted after [~~December 31, 2012~~] **June 10, 2014** and
4 receiving the in-state rate of tuition to execute an affidavit attesting *that* he or she is a legal resident
5 of the United States, ***or that the student will file an application to legalize his or her status,***
6 ***a copy of which shall be furnished to the university system of New Hampshire, as soon as he***
7 ***or she is eligible. To be eligible for in-state tuition, a student who has filed or will file such***
8 ***an application shall also meet the following requirements:***

9 ***(a) The student shall have graduated from an approved New Hampshire high***
10 ***school or earned the New Hampshire high school equivalency certificate; or***

11 ***(b) The student shall have attended a high school in New Hampshire for 3 years***
12 ***prior to graduation or be domiciled in New Hampshire for 3 years prior to receiving a***
13 ***New Hampshire high school equivalency certificate; and***

14 ***(c) In addition to complying with either subparagraph (a) or (b), the student***
15 ***shall have met all other criteria for in-state tuition status as established by the university***
16 ***system of New Hampshire board of trustees.***

17 2 New Paragraph; Community College System of New Hampshire; Authority of the Board of
18 Trustees. Amend RSA 188-F:6 by inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph:

19 X-a. Require every student admitted after June 10, 2014 and receiving the in-state rate of
20 tuition to execute an affidavit attesting that he or she is a legal resident of the United States, or that
21 the student will file an application to legalize his or her status, a copy of which shall be furnished to
22 the community college system of New Hampshire, as soon as he or she is eligible. To be eligible for
23 in-state tuition, a student who has filed or will file such an application shall also meet the following
24 requirements:

25 (a) The student shall have graduated from an approved New Hampshire high school or
26 earned the New Hampshire high school equivalency certificate; or

27 (b) The student shall have attended a high school in New Hampshire for 3 years prior to
28 graduation or be domiciled in New Hampshire for 3 years prior to receiving a New Hampshire high
29 school equivalency certificate; and

30 (c) In addition to complying with either subparagraph (a) or (b), the student shall have

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- 1 met all other criteria for in-state tuition status as established by the community college system of
- 2 New Hampshire board of trustees.
- 3 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 675-FN - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT relative to eligibility for in-state tuition rates at the university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The University System of New Hampshire and the Community College System of New Hampshire state this bill, **as introduced**, will have an indeterminable impact on state revenues, and increase state expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 2016 and each year thereafter. There will be no impact on county and local revenue or expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The University System of New Hampshire (USNH) and the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) state this bill defines eligibility requirements for in-state tuition rates for USNH and CCSNH student. The proposed legislation amends the existing eligibility requirements for USNH students to allow those students who are not legal residents of the United States, but have either graduated from an approved New Hampshire high school or have attended a New Hampshire high school or resided in New Hampshire for three years prior to graduation or receiving a high school equivalency certificate, to attest they will file an application to legalize their status. The proposed legislation requires the student to file a copy of said application to the respective system. The USNH and the CCSNH state to the extent passage of the proposed legislation allows students to either enroll at a different rate of tuition or otherwise impacts enrollment rates, state restricted revenues will be impacted. Neither the USNH nor the CCSNH is able to estimate to what extent the passage of this legislation would impact enrollments or individual student's tuition rates. The USNH and the CCSNH state the proposed legislation's additional requirement to track student's applications to legalize their United States residency status will require the establishment and implementation of additional administrative policies and procedures to ensure compliance. Neither system is able to estimate to what extent the institution of policies and procedures necessary to ensure compliance will increase state expenditures.