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LCO No. 661



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING IN-STATE TUITION FOR VETERANS AND
ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 The following shall determine the status of a student:

4 (1) Every person having [his] such person's domicile in this state shall
5 be entitled to classification as an in-state student for tuition purposes.
6 Except as otherwise provided in this part, no person having [his] such
7 person's domicile outside of this state shall be eligible for classification
8 as an in-state student for tuition purposes;

9 (2) The domicile of an unemancipated person is that of [his] such
10 person's parent;

11 (3) Upon moving to this state, an emancipated person employed full-
12 time who provides evidence of domicile may apply for in-state

13 classification for such person's spouse and unemancipated children
14 after six consecutive months of residency and, provided such person is
15 not [himself or herself] in this state primarily as a full-time student, such
16 person's spouse and unemancipated children may at once be so
17 classified, and may continue to be so classified as long as such person
18 continues such person's domicile in this state;

19 (4) Any unemancipated person who remains in this state when such
20 person's parent, having theretofore been domiciled in this state,
21 removes from this state, shall be entitled to classification as an in-state
22 student until attainment of the degree for which such person is currently
23 enrolled, as long as such person's attendance at a school or schools in
24 this state shall be continuous;

25 (5) The spouse of any person who is classified or is eligible for
26 classification as an in-state student shall [likewise] be entitled to
27 classification as an in-state student;

28 (6) (A) A member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103,
29 who is stationed in this state pursuant to military orders shall be entitled
30 to classification as an in-state student.

31 (B) The spouse of any person who is a member of the armed forces
32 and stationed in this state pursuant to military orders shall be entitled
33 to classification as an in-state student. The spouse, while in residence
34 after the spouse's acceptance for matriculation at a constituent unit of
35 the state system of higher education in a course of study leading to an
36 associate, bachelor or advanced degree, shall not lose classification as an
37 in-state student if the member of the armed forces is thereafter
38 transferred on military orders;

39 (7) An unemancipated person whose parent is a member of the armed
40 forces and stationed in this state pursuant to military orders shall be
41 entitled to classification as an in-state student. The student, (A) while in
42 continuous attendance toward the degree for which the student is
43 currently enrolled, or (B) while in residence after [his or her] the
44 student's acceptance for matriculation at a constituent unit of the state

45 system of higher education in a course of study leading to an associate,
46 bachelor or advanced degree, shall not lose classification as an in-state
47 student if [his or her] the student's parent is thereafter transferred on
48 military orders;

49 (8) A student [that] who is from another state, territory or possession
50 of the United States, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of
51 Puerto Rico shall be classified as an in-state student, if such student (A)
52 attended for three years and graduated from a high school in this state,
53 and (B) was sponsored, housed and supported during attendance at
54 such school by a program, such as the "A Better Chance" program,
55 established as a nonprofit organization that raises charitable funds on
56 the local level for the purpose of giving students who are minority
57 students, are from single parent homes or live in poverty, an
58 opportunity to attend school in a different environment. For purposes
59 of this subdivision, "minority student" means a student whose racial
60 ancestry is defined as other than white by the Bureau of Census of the
61 United States Department of Commerce; [and]

62 (9) In accordance with 8 USC 1621(d), a person, other than a
63 nonimmigrant alien as described in 8 USC 1101(a)(15)(A) to 8 USC
64 1101(a)(15)(S), inclusive, and 8 USC 1101(a)(15)(V), shall be entitled to
65 classification as an in-state student for tuition purposes, (A) if such
66 person (i) resides in this state, (ii) attended any educational institution
67 in this state and completed at least two years of high school level
68 education in this state, (iii) graduated from a high school in this state, or
69 the equivalent thereof, and (iv) is registered as an entering student, or is
70 enrolled at a public institution of higher education in this state, and (B)
71 if such person is without legal immigration status, such person files an
72 affidavit with such institution of higher education stating that [he or
73 she] such person has filed an application to legalize [his or her] such
74 person's immigration status, or will file such an application as soon as
75 [he or she] such person is eligible to do so; and

76 (10) (A) A veteran who lives in this state, regardless of such veteran's
77 state of residence, shall be entitled to classification as an in-state student.

78 As used in this subdivision, "veteran" means any person discharged or
79 released, under conditions other than dishonorable, from a period of
80 ninety or more days of active service in the armed forces.

81 (B) A person who lives in this state, regardless of such person's state
82 of residence, and is entitled to educational assistance pursuant to the
83 Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, 38 USC
84 3311(b)(8), as amended from time to time.

85 (C) A person who lives in this state, regardless of such person's state
86 of residence, and to whom entitlement to educational assistance has
87 been transferred pursuant to the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, 38 USC 3319, as
88 amended from time to time, by virtue of such person's relationship to a
89 veteran or a member described in 38 USC 3319(b), as amended from
90 time to time, who is serving on active duty, shall be entitled to
91 classification as an in-state student.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2022	10a-29
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide in-state tuition to veterans and certain eligible dependents living in Connecticut regardless of their legal domicile.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]