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AN ACT relating to education; encouraging the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the State of California to authorize waivers of nonresident tuition to certain residents of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to enter into a reciprocal agreement with another state for the granting of full or partial waivers of nonresident tuition to residents of the other state who are students at or are eligible for admission to any branch of the Nevada System of Higher Education if the other state grants reciprocal waivers to residents of Nevada. (NRS 396.543) This bill encourages the Board of Regents to enter into such an agreement with the State of California to authorize waivers of nonresident tuition to certain residents of Nevada and California in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares:

1. Lake Tahoe Community College in South Lake Tahoe, California, is in a unique location where residents of certain communities located in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin reside in closer proximity to the Community College than to any branch of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

2. Western Nevada College in Carson City, Nevada, is in a unique location where residents of certain communities located in the California portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin reside in closer proximity to the College than to a school in the system of California Community Colleges.

3. The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada has authority pursuant to NRS 396.543 to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the State of California to grant waivers of nonresident tuition for:

(a) Residents of communities located in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin to attend Lake Tahoe Community College; and

(b) Residents of communities located in the California portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin to attend Western Nevada College.

4. Such a reciprocal agreement would provide economic and educational benefits to citizens of this State.



5. The Legislature of the State of California is considering the passage of Senate Bill No. 605 of the 2015-2016 Regular Session, which authorizes waivers of nonresident tuition to residents of certain communities located in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin if the Nevada Legislature enacts legislation authorizing reciprocal waivers of nonresident tuition to certain residents of the California portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

**Sec. 2.** The Nevada Legislature hereby encourages the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the State of California to authorize waivers of nonresident tuition to residents of Nevada and California in the Lake Tahoe Basin that reasonably conforms to the provisions of Senate Bill No. 605 of the 2015-2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of California.

**Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

