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SYNOPSIS
Allows certain undocumented aliens to qualify for in-state tuition rates at public institutions of higher education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.
AN ACT concerning tuition rates for certain students at public
i institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 62 of
Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
contrary, a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the
meaning of section 101 (a)(15) of the "Immigration and Nationality
Act," (8 U.S.C. s.1101(a)(15)), shall be exempt from paying
nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education if the
student:
   (1) attended high school in this State for three or more years;
   (2) graduated from a high school in this State or received the
   equivalent of a high school diploma in this State;
   (3) registers as an entering student or is currently enrolled in a
   public institution of higher education not earlier than the fall
   semester of the 2013-2014 academic year; and
   (4) in the case of a person without lawful immigration status,
   files an affidavit with the institution of higher education stating that
   the student has filed an application to legalize his immigration
   status or will file an application as soon as he is eligible to do so.

   b. Student information obtained in the implementation of this
   section shall be confidential.

2. The Secretary of Higher Education shall adopt in accordance
with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
(C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations as may be necessary to
implement the provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill allows a student who is also an undocumented alien to
pay in-state tuition at the State's public institutions of higher
education if he meets the following criteria: attended a high school
in this State for three years or more; graduated from a high school
in this State or attained the equivalent of a high school diploma in
the State; registers as an entering student or is currently enrolled in
a public institution of higher education not earlier than the fall
semester of the 2013-2014 academic year; and files an affidavit
with the institution of higher education stating that the student has
filed an application to legalize his immigration status or will file an
application as soon as he is eligible to do so.