



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 4

File No. 206

Cal. No. 144

**"AN ACT ASSISTING STUDENTS WITHOUT LEGAL
IMMIGRATION STATUS WITH THE COST OF COLLEGE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Eligible veteran without legal immigration status" means any
5 person who (A) is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed
6 forces of the United States without legal immigration status, (B) was
7 thirty years of age or younger on June 15, 2012, (C) was fifteen years of
8 age or younger when he or she arrived in the United States and has
9 continuously resided in the United States since such arrival, and (D)
10 has not been convicted of a felony in this state or in another state;

11 (2) "Institutional financial aid" means funds set aside from the
12 anticipated tuition revenue of an institution of higher education for the
13 purposes of providing tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for
14 educational expenses and student employment for full-time or part-

15 time students who are enrolled in a degree-granting program or a
16 precollege remedial program and who demonstrate substantial
17 financial need; and

18 (3) "Public institution of higher education" means those institutions
19 of higher education identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 10a-
20 1 of the general statutes.

21 (b) On and after the effective date of this section, in accordance with
22 8 USC 1621(d), any eligible veteran without legal immigration status
23 who files an affidavit with an institution of higher education pursuant
24 to subdivision (9) of section 10a-29 of the general statutes, stating that
25 such eligible veteran has filed an application to legalize his or her
26 immigration status, or will file such application as soon as he or she is
27 eligible, shall be eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent
28 permitted by federal law, institutional financial aid to attend a public
29 institution of higher education in the state.

30 (c) Not later than July 1, 2018, the Board of Regents for Higher
31 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut
32 shall establish procedures and develop forms to enable persons who
33 are eligible for institutional financial aid under subsection (b) of this
34 section to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law,
35 such institutional financial aid.

36 (d) Nothing in this section is intended to require or compel a public
37 institution of higher education to match the amount of federal student
38 financial aid a person who is eligible for institutional financial aid
39 under subsection (a) of this section would receive if such person was
40 eligible for such federal student financial aid.

41 (e) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of
42 Trustees for The University of Connecticut may adopt policies as are
43 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section