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Amendment

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

File No. 206

Cal. No. 405

"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 student without legal immigration status" means any
5 person who (A) is entitled to classification as an in-state student for
6 tuition purposes pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10a-29 of the
7 general statutes, (B) was thirty years of age or younger on June 15,
8 2012, (C) was sixteen years of age or younger when he or she arrived in
9 the United States and has continuously resided in the United States
10 since such arrival, (D) has not been convicted of a felony in this state or
11 in another state, and (E) is in compliance with the United States
12 Citizenship and Immigration Services policies and protocols for
13 approval to the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
14 program;

15 (2) "Eligible veteran without legal immigration status" means any
16 person who (A) is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed
17 forces of the United States without legal immigration status, (B) was
18 thirty years of age or younger on June 15, 2012, (C) was fifteen years of
19 age or younger when he or she arrived in the United States and has
20 continuously resided in the United States since such arrival, (D) has
21 not been convicted of a felony in this state or in another state, and (E)
22 is in compliance with the United States Citizenship and Immigration
23 Services policies and protocols for approval to the federal Deferred
24 Action for Childhood Arrivals program;

25 (3) "Institutional financial aid" means funds set aside from the
26 anticipated tuition revenue of an institution of higher education for the
27 purposes of providing tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for
28 educational expenses and student employment for full-time or part-
29 time students who are enrolled in a degree-granting program or a
30 precollege remedial program and who demonstrate substantial
31 financial need; and

32 (4) "Public institution of higher education" means those institutions
33 of higher education identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 10a-
34 1 of the general statutes.

35 (b) On and after the effective date of this section, in accordance with
36 8 USC 1621(d), any eligible veteran without legal immigration status
37 who files an affidavit with an institution of higher education pursuant
38 to subdivision (9) of section 10a-29 of the general statutes, stating that
39 such eligible veteran has filed an application to legalize his or her
40 immigration status, or will file such application as soon as he or she is
41 eligible, shall be eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent
42 permitted by federal law, institutional financial aid to attend a public
43 institution of higher education in the state.

44 (c) On January 1, 2020, or the effective date of an Act of Congress
45 that provides a pathway to United States citizenship for an eligible
46 student without legal immigration status, whichever is earlier, and for

47 each semester thereafter, in accordance with 8 USC 1621(d), any
 48 eligible student without legal immigration status who files an affidavit
 49 with an institution of higher education pursuant to subdivision (9) of
 50 section 10a-29 of the general statutes, stating that such eligible student
 51 has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or
 52 will file such application as soon as he or she is eligible, shall be
 53 eligible to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by federal law,
 54 institutional financial aid to attend a public institution of higher
 55 education in the state.

56 (d) Not later than July 1, 2018, the Board of Regents for Higher
 57 Education and the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut
 58 shall establish procedures and develop forms to enable persons who
 59 are eligible for institutional financial aid under subsections (b) and (c)
 60 of this section to apply for and receive, to the extent permitted by
 61 federal law, such institutional financial aid.

62 (e) Nothing in this section is intended to require or compel a public
 63 institution of higher education to match the amount of federal student
 64 financial aid a person who is eligible for institutional financial aid
 65 under subsection (a) of this section would receive if such person was
 66 eligible for such federal student financial aid.

67 (f) The Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of
 68 Trustees for The University of Connecticut may adopt policies as are
 69 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