

HB 1771 -- MISSOURI TUITION EQUITY ACT

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This bill establishes the Missouri Tuition Equity Act which requires the governing board of any Missouri higher education institution receiving any state funds to deem each student a Missouri resident if the student:

- (1) Resided with his or her parent or guardian or was emancipated while attending high school in Missouri;
- (2) Graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in Missouri;
- (3) Attended school in Missouri for at least two years by the time he or she received a high school diploma or its equivalent;
- (4) Entered the United States before the bill was enacted; and
- (5) Provides an affidavit of intent to become a permanent resident as soon as he or she is eligible, if he or she is not a citizen or permanent resident.

The resident status applies unless the student establishes residence outside the state.

This bill does not allow specified institutions to deny admission solely on immigration status and requires information collected in the admission process to remain confidential.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

This bill is similar to HB 453 (2017) and HB 2353 (2016).