

By the Committee on Education; and Senators Diaz de la Portilla, Wilson, Villalobos, Margolis, Hill and Dawson

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to determination of resident status for tuition purposes; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; classifying specified students as residents for tuition purposes; classifying certain liaison officers and their spouses and dependent children as residents for tuition purposes; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraphs (k) and (l) are added to subsection (10) of section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition purposes.--Students shall be classified as residents or nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in community colleges and state universities.

(10) The following persons shall be classified as residents for tuition purposes:

(k) Students, other than nonimmigrant aliens within the meaning of 8 U.S.C. s. 1101(a)(15), who meet the following requirements:

1. Have resided in this state for at least 3 consecutive years immediately preceding the date the student received a high school diploma or its equivalent and have attended a high school in this state for at least 3 consecutive school years during such time.

2. Have provided to a public community college or a state university an affidavit stating that the student will file an application to become a permanent resident of the

1 United States at the earliest opportunity he or she is  
2 eligible to do so.

3 (1) Active duty members of a foreign nation's military  
4 serving as liaison officers and residing or stationed in this  
5 state, and their spouses and dependent children, attending a  
6 community college or state university within 50 miles of the  
7 military establishment where they are stationed.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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10 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
12 SB's 1852, 1628, 2344

13 The committee substitute combines Senate bills 1852, 1628, and  
14 2344.

15 The committee substitute classifies a student as a resident  
16 for tuition purposes if the student has resided in the state  
17 for at least three consecutive years immediately preceding the  
18 date the student received a high school diploma or its  
19 equivalent, has attended a high school in this state for at  
least three consecutive school years during such time, has  
filed an affidavit stating that the student will file for  
permanent residency at the earliest opportunity he or she is  
eligible, and the student is not a nonimmigrant alien.

20 The committee substitute classifies active duty military  
21 foreign liaison officers residing or stationed in this state,  
22 and their spouses and dependent children, attending a public  
23 postsecondary institution within 50 miles of the military  
24 establishment where the officers are stationed as residents  
25 for tuition purposes.  
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