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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
147th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 183

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Chapter 34, Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

Subchapter XVI. The Tuition Equity Act.

§3421A. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, the term "public institution" shall mean the University of Delaware, Delaware State University, and Delaware Technical and Community College.

§3422A. Eligibility.

(a) An individual shall be deemed to be a resident of Delaware for the purpose of tuition and fees for attendance at a public institution if:

(1) The individual attended a public or nonpublic secondary school in this State for at least 3 years;

(2) The individual graduated from a public or nonpublic secondary school in this State or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this State;

(3) The individual registers as an entering student in a public institution in this State not earlier than the 2014 fall semester;

(4) The individual entered the United States before the age of eighteen and is under the age of thirty-five; and

(5) The individual has not been convicted of any felony.

(b) A student who is deemed to be a resident of Delaware pursuant to subsection (a) shall be eligible to participate in the Delaware Student Excellence Equals Degree Program ("SEED") and the Inspire Scholarship Program established under this title and to qualify for grants thereunder, provided the student otherwise meets the criteria of those programs.

§3423A. Policies, Rules and Regulations.

22 Each public institution shall adopt appropriate policies, rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this
23 subchapter.

24 Section 2. Amend Section 3404A(a)(1) of Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making insertions as shown by
25 underlining as follows:

26 (a) To be eligible to participate in the SEED program and to qualify for a grant to pay tuition by the State pursuant to this
27 subchapter for the first semester or other academic unit of post-secondary enrollment at Delaware Technical and
28 Community College or the University of Delaware, Associate in Arts program, a student shall meet all of the following:

29 (1) A student who satisfies the state residency requirements set forth in the Institution's residency policy, or who is deemed
30 to be a resident of Delaware under section 3422A of this Title, shall be eligible for such grant if that student is enrolled on a
31 full time, degree seeking basis or is a student with a disability seeking a degree through the institution's academic
32 accommodation policy.

33 Section 3. Amend Section 3412A(a)(1) of Title 14 of the Delaware Code by making insertions as shown by
34 underlining as follows:

35 a) To be eligible to participate in the Inspire Scholarship program and to qualify for a grant towards tuition assistance by the
36 State pursuant to this subchapter students shall meet all of the following:

37 (1) A student who satisfies the state residency requirements set forth in the institution's residency policy, or who is deemed
38 to be a resident of Delaware under section 3422A of this Title, shall be eligible for such grant if that student is enrolled on a
39 full time, degree seeking basis or is a student with a disability seeking a degree through the institution's academic
40 accommodation policy.

SYNOPSIS

This Act establishes that certain individuals shall be eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at Public Institutions of Higher Education in Delaware. These are individuals of non-U.S. Citizen status, who graduate from high school and who arrived in the U.S. as minors. If an applicant meets the criteria of the Act, they will qualify for in-state tuition rates and consideration for the SEED and Inspire scholarship programs.

Senator Marshall