



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2005

community colleges; nonresidents; reimbursements

Sponsors: Representatives Gowan, Stevens, Senator Begay

DP Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

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X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

HB 2005 eliminates the requirement that a county school superintendent verify the county residency of a community college student attending school in another county.

HISTORY

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 15-1469 stipulates that a community college district may admit a student from any part of the state that does not have an established community college district. These students may have their county of residence provide for the cost of tuition. The county school superintendent of the county of a student's residence must affirm to the community college district board and the board of supervisors that the student is a resident of the county. Students are required to sign an affidavit with the county school superintendent stating that the individual has resided in the county providing tuition for at least 50 days before the first day of classes (A.R.S. § 15-1802.01).

Currently, the only two counties in the state of Arizona that do not have an affiliated community college district are Apache County and Greenlee County.

PROVISIONS

- Repeals language requiring a county school superintendent to verify a community college student's status as a resident of the superintendent's county.
- Requires community college districts, in each annual fiscal report, to separate the total number of students residing out of the district by county of residence for in-state students and by state of residence for out-of-state students.
- Strikes the requirement that an individual residing in the state, but not in a community college district, sign an affidavit stating that the individual has lived in the county in which they claim for at least 50 days before the first day of classes.
- Makes technical and conforming changes.

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