

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 4305

By Delegates Statler and Young

[Introduced January 10, 2024; Referred
to the Committee on Education then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §18B-10-1d, relating to granting in-state resident status to economic
3 development participants for the purpose of determining the rate of tuition to be charged for
4 attendance at state institutions of higher education; establishing criteria that must be met
5 to meet the definition of economic development participant; and setting forth time frame for
6 recognition of resident status.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 10. FEES AND OTHER MONEY COLLECTED AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION.**

§18B-10-1d. Resident tuition rates for economic development participants.

1 (a) The term "resident" or "residency", or any other term or expression used to designate a
2 West Virginia resident student, when used to determine the rate of tuition to be charged students
3 attending state institutions of higher education, shall be construed to include economic
4 development participants.

5 (b) To meet the definition of "economic development participant" under this section, the
6 following criteria must be met:

7 (1) The person or the person's parent or legal guardian received economic development
8 incentives to locate to West Virginia, offered pursuant to §5B-2-3b of this code; and

9 (2) The person files with that institution of higher education a letter of intent to establish
10 residency in this state.

11 (c) An economic development participant who qualifies as a resident on the first day of the
12 semester or term of the institution of higher education shall be charged resident tuition rates.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to grant in-state resident status to economic development participants in order to determine the rate of tuition to be charged for attendance at state institutions of higher education

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