

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2279**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Delegate Statler

[Introduced January 11, 2023; 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, all 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 EDUCATON.**

**§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

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law

and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.