WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

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House Bill 4305

By Delegates Statler, Young, Dittman, and Toney

[Passed March 9, 2024; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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