

HB 873 -- Higher Education Tuition

Sponsor: Dunn

This bill establishes the Missouri Tuition Equity Act, which requires a Missouri higher education institution that receives any state funds to recognize a student as a Missouri resident for tuition purposes if the student entered the United States before these provisions were enacted, attended high school in the state for at least two years before graduating, and graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in the state. Students who are not citizens or permanent residents must provide an affidavit that states they will file to become permanent residents as soon as they are eligible. A higher education institution cannot deny admission solely on immigration status to a student who meets the qualifications of these provisions, and information collected under these provisions must be kept confidential.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

The bill will become effective upon passage and approval or July 1, 2013, whichever occurs first.