

HB 614 -- Higher Education Tuition Rates

Sponsor: Holsman

This bill prohibits an institution of higher education in Missouri that receives any state funds from charging a Missouri resident who is a full-time student enrolled in the institution after the 2010-2011 academic year a tuition rate that exceeds the amount that was charged at the time the student first enrolled in the institution for the next five continuous academic years following the student's initial enrollment. A student who is enrolled before the 2011-2012 school year will remain at the 2011-2012 tuition rate. To qualify, a student must be continuously enrolled, except summer sessions. Tuition for degree programs that require more than four years to complete must not exceed the amount charged at the time the student first enrolled for the customary time required to complete the program as defined by the individual institution. A student who changes majors will be charged what would have been charged had the student been admitted to the new degree program when the student first enrolled. An undergraduate student who elects to attend graduate school will be required to lock in the tuition at the rate as of the first semester of his or her graduate studies.