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Sponsors

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Short Title

*Define Tuition Status
Unaccompanied Homeless
Youth*

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective on May 17, 2016.

Summary

This bill adds unaccompanied homeless youth to the list of individuals who qualify for resident tuition rates at Colorado's public colleges and universities. The bill defines unaccompanied homeless youth and provides mechanisms for unaccompanied homeless youth to verify their status for the purposes of qualifying for resident tuition rates.

Background

Colorado's public colleges and universities have traditionally relied on a parent's residence to determine whether or not a student under the age of 22 would qualify for resident tuition rates. This bill allows youth who do not receive support from parents or relatives to qualify.

House Action

House Education Committee (February 17, 2016). At the hearing, representatives of Court Appointed Special Advocates, Mile High United Way, the Colorado Education Association, Aims Community College, and Metropolitan State University of Denver spoke in support of the bill. The committee laid the bill over for action only at a later date.

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House Education Committee (February 24, 2016). The committee adopted amendment L.001, which clarified the definition of unaccompanied homeless youth and the individuals that would be allowed to verify a homeless youth's status. The committee referred the bill, as amended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (March 15, 2016). The House Committee of the Whole adopted the Education Committee report, and adopted amendment no. 2, which directed the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to enact tuition policies defining unaccompanied homeless youth, youth at risk of homelessness, and self-supporting youth. The committee passed the bill, as amended.

House third reading (March 16, 2015). The House passed the bill with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Education Committee (March 24, 2016). At the hearing, representatives of Mile High United Way and Aims Community College spoke in support of the bill. The committee passed the bill with no amendments.

Senate second reading (March 29, 2016). The Senate Committee of the Whole passed the bill with no amendments.

Senate third reading (March 30, 2016). The Senate passed the bill with no amendments.