HOUSE BILL 20-1275

A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING PROVIDING IN-STATE TUITION STATUS AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER COLORADO DOMICILE STATUS IS SATISFIED.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill allows an active or honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States or a dependent of said member eligibility for in-state tuition status at a community college regardless of whether the person satisfies Colorado domicile or residency status.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 23-7.4-205 as follows:

23-7.4-205. Tuition classification for community college - definitions. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this article 7.4 or article 7 of this title 23 to the contrary, on or before January 1, 2021, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education shall adopt and implement a policy granting in-state tuition status at a community college for an active or honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States or a dependent of said member regardless of whether the person satisfies Colorado domicile or residency status.

(2)(a) A person who is eligible for in-state tuition status pursuant to this section is not counted as a resident for any purpose other than tuition classification, except as provided by subsection (2)(b) of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (2)(a) of this section or any provision to the contrary, on or before January 1, 2021, a person who is classified for in-state tuition status pursuant to this section is eligible to receive a stipend from the college opportunity fund pursuant to part 2 of article 18 of this title 23.

(3) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Community college" means a community college described in section 23-60-205 that is governed by the state
(b) "Dependent" means a spouse of an active or retired member of the Armed Forces of the United States at the time the spouse is requesting in-state tuition classification or a child under twenty-three years of age born to or legally adopted by an active or retired member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.