Revised ASSET Legislation

In 2022, the General Assembly passed HB22-1155, In-state Tuition For Colorado High School Graduates, which updates the eligibility criteria for Colorado ASSET students to receive in-state tuition and state financial aid at Colorado postsecondary education institutions.

Timeline of Requirements

The original law from 2013, Advancing Students for a Stronger Tomorrow (ASSET) allows eligible students to pay in-state tuition at Colorado’s public colleges and universities if they meet certain qualifications. Legislation in 2019 further updated the law allowing ASSET students to receive in-state financial aid.

Overview

The new law requires an institution to classify a student as an in-state student for tuition purposes if the student:

- Attended a Colorado high school for at least one year before graduation or was physically present in Colorado for at least one year immediately preceding the date the student completed a high school equivalency examination in Colorado; and
- Has been physically present in Colorado for at least 12 consecutive months before enrolling in an institution.

Please note the following changes from previous requirements:

- **There is no longer a requirement for the student to be admitted to college within 12 months of graduation.**

This new law amends ASSET legislation passed in 2013, which allowed undocumented students to qualify for in-state tuition. The new bill removes ASSET’s requirement that undocumented students be admitted to college within one year of graduating high school to receive in-state tuition.

The new ASSET bill expands opportunities for students across the state. It removes several barriers that prevented thousands of undocumented high school students from qualifying for in-state tuition rates and in-state financial aid.

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