

HB 1704 -- MISSOURI TUITION EQUITY ACT

SPONSOR: Curtis

This bill establishes the Missouri Tuition Equity Act that requires the governing board of any Missouri higher education institution receiving any state funds to deem each student a Missouri resident if the student:

- (1) Resided with his parent or guardian while attending a high school in this state or was an emancipated minor residing in Missouri while attending high school;
- (2) Graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma while residing in Missouri;
- (3) Attended school in Missouri for at least two years by the time he or she received a high school diploma or its equivalent;
- (4) Entered the United States before the bill was enacted; and
- (5) If not a citizen or permanent resident, provides an affidavit of intent to become a permanent resident as soon as he or she is eligible.

The resident status will apply unless the student establishes residence outside the state. Institutions under the bill cannot deny admission solely on immigration status. Information collected in the admission process remains confidential.

The bill contains an emergency clause.