REFERENCE TITLE: foster care tuition waiver

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-1809.01; RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS FOR TUITION PURPOSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 15, chapter 14, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-1809.01, to read:

15-1809.01. Tuition waiver scholarships; persons formerly in foster care; requirements; definition

A. The Arizona Board of Regents shall provide a tuition waiver scholarship at any university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents and each community college district shall provide a tuition waiver scholarship at any community college in that community college district to a person who meets all of the following conditions:

1. Resides in this state.
2. Either:
   (a) Is currently in foster care and is at least thirteen years of age.
   (b) Was in foster care when the person was at least thirteen years of age.
   (c) Was adopted from foster care and the adoption was finalized when the person was at least thirteen years of age.
3. Is under twenty-six years of age.
4. Is either a United States citizen or a noncitizen who is lawfully present in this country.
5. Has total personal assets, not including scholarships or grants received by the person, that are worth less than ten thousand dollars.
6. Is accepted into or enrolled in a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents or a community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district.
7. Has completed and submitted to the United States Department of Education a free application for federal student aid before each year in which the person receives a tuition waiver scholarship pursuant to this section.
8. Remains in good standing with the policies established by the university or community college at which the person is enrolled.

B. A tuition waiver scholarship provided by a community college pursuant to this section may be reduced by the amount of any other federal aid scholarship or public grant and any other public aid received by that person from or through the community college at which the person is enrolled, except that a tuition waiver scholarship may not be reduced by the amount of federal grants received by the person from the Department of Child Safety under the Arizona Education and Training Voucher Program.

C. A tuition waiver scholarship provided by a university pursuant to this section may not be reduced by the amount of any other federal aid scholarship or public grant or any other public aid received by that person from the Department of Child Safety under the Arizona Education and Training Voucher Program or through the university at which the person is enrolled.
D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TUITION" MEANS TUITION AND
MANDATORY FEES CHARGED BY THE UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Sec. 2. Emergency
This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
law.