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2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 95

February 20, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives Colon, Krawczyk, Zepnick, Young, Berceau, Pocan, Hahn, J. Lehman, Townsend and Turner, cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, Risser and Chvala. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Spending Limitations.

AN ACT to create 36.27 (2) (cr) of the statutes; relating to: allowing aliens who

are not legal permanent residents of the United States to pay resident tuition.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Generally, current law allows a University of Wisconsin (UW) System student who has been a bona fide Wisconsin resident for the 12 months preceding the beginning of a semester or session for which the student registers to pay resident, as opposed to nonresident, tuition.

This bill allows an alien who is not a legal permanent resident of the United States to pay resident, as opposed to nonresident, tuition if: 1) he or she graduated from a Wisconsin high school or received a high school graduation equivalency from Wisconsin; 2) was continuously present in Wisconsin for at least one year following the first day of attending a Wisconsin high school; and 3) enrolls in a UW System institution and provides the institution with an affidavit stating that he or she has filed or will file an application for permanent residency with the Immigration and Naturalization Service as soon as the person is eligible to do so.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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36.27 (2) (cr) A person who is a citizen of a country other than the United States
is entitled to the exemption under par. (a) if that person meets all of the following
requirements:

- 1. The person graduated from a high school in this state or received a high school graduation equivalency from this state.
- 2. The person was continuously present in this state for at least one year following the first day of attending a high school in this state.
- 3. The person enrolls in an institution and provides that institution with an affidavit stating that the person has filed or will file an application for a permanent resident visa with the Immigration and Naturalization Service as soon as the person is eligible to do so.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to persons who enroll for the semester or session following the effective date of this subsection.

15 (END)