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STATE OF COLORADO

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HOUSE BILL 20-1275

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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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.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

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

4           **23-7.4-205. Tuition classification for community college -**  
5 **definitions.** (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 7.4  
6 OR ARTICLE 7 OF THIS TITLE 23 TO THE CONTRARY, ON OR BEFORE  
7 JANUARY 1, 2021, THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND  
8 OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY  
9 GRANTING IN-STATE TUITION STATUS AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR AN  
10 ACTIVE OR HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF  
11 THE UNITED STATES OR A DEPENDENT OF SAID MEMBER REGARDLESS OF  
12 WHETHER THE PERSON SATISFIES COLORADO DOMICILE OR RESIDENCY  
13 STATUS.

14           (2) (a) A PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION STATUS  
15 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS NOT COUNTED AS A RESIDENT FOR ANY  
16 PURPOSE OTHER THAN TUITION CLASSIFICATION, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY  
17 SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

18           (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION OR  
19 ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2021, A  
20 PERSON WHO IS CLASSIFIED FOR IN-STATE TUITION STATUS PURSUANT TO  
21 THIS SECTION IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A STIPEND FROM THE COLLEGE  
22 OPPORTUNITY FUND PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE 18 OF THIS TITLE 23.

23           (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
24 REQUIRES:

25           (a) "COMMUNITY COLLEGE" MEANS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
26 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-60-205 THAT IS GOVERNED BY THE STATE

1 BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION.

2 (b) "DEPENDENT" MEANS A SPOUSE OF AN ACTIVE OR RETIRED  
3 MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE TIME THE  
4 SPOUSE IS REQUESTING IN-STATE TUITION CLASSIFICATION OR A CHILD  
5 UNDER TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF AGE BORN TO OR LEGALLY ADOPTED BY  
6 AN ACTIVE OR RETIRED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED  
7 STATES.

8 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
11 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
12 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
13 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
14 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
15 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
16 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.