

REFERENCE TITLE: ROTC cadets; in-state student status

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# SB 1021

Introduced by  
Senator Rogers

## AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1802, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO  
CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS FOR TUITION PURPOSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-1802, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-1802. In-state student status

5 A. Except as otherwise provided in this article, a person having a  
6 domicile elsewhere than in this state is not eligible for classification  
7 as an in-state student for tuition purposes.

8 B. A person is not entitled to classification as an in-state  
9 student until the person is domiciled in this state for one year, except  
10 that a person whose domicile is in this state is entitled to  
11 classification as an in-state student if the person meets one of the  
12 following requirements:

13 1. The domicile of the person's parent is in this state and the  
14 parent is entitled to claim the person as an exemption for state and  
15 federal tax purposes.

16 2. The person is an employee of an employer that transferred the  
17 person to this state for employment purposes or the person is the spouse  
18 of such an employee.

19 3. The person is an employee of a school district in this state and  
20 is under contract to teach on a full-time basis or is employed as a  
21 full-time noncertified classroom aide at a school within that school  
22 district. For the purposes of this paragraph, the person is eligible for  
23 classification as an in-state student only for courses necessary to  
24 complete the requirements for certification by the state board of  
25 education to teach in a school district in this state. A member of the  
26 person's family is not eligible for classification as an in-state student  
27 if the person is eligible for classification as an in-state student  
28 pursuant to this paragraph, unless the family member is otherwise eligible  
29 for classification as an in-state student pursuant to this section.

30 4. The person's spouse has established domicile in this state for  
31 at least one year, has demonstrated intent and financial independence and  
32 is entitled to claim the student as an exemption for state and federal tax  
33 purposes or the person's spouse was temporarily out of state for  
34 educational purposes but maintained a domicile in this state. If the  
35 person is a noncitizen, the person must be in an eligible visa status  
36 pursuant to federal law to classify as an in-state student for tuition  
37 purposes.

38 C. The domicile of an unemancipated person is that of the person's  
39 parent.

40 D. Any unemancipated person who remains in this state when the  
41 person's parent, who had been domiciled in this state, removes from this  
42 state is entitled to classification as an in-state student until  
43 attainment of the degree for which the person is currently enrolled, as  
44 long as the person maintains continuous attendance.

1 E. A person who is a member of the armed forces of the United  
2 States and who is stationed in this state pursuant to military orders or  
3 who is the spouse or a dependent child as defined in section 43-1001 of a  
4 person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States and who is  
5 stationed in this state pursuant to military orders is entitled to  
6 classification as an in-state student. A spouse or a dependent child does  
7 not lose in-state student classification under this subsection if the  
8 spouse or dependent child qualifies for in-state tuition classification at  
9 the time the spouse or dependent child is accepted for admission to a  
10 community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district  
11 governing board or a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona  
12 board of regents. The student, while in continuous attendance toward the  
13 degree for which currently enrolled, does not lose in-state student  
14 classification.

15 F. A person who is a member of the armed forces of the United  
16 States or the spouse or a dependent as defined in section 43-1001 of a  
17 member of the armed forces of the United States is entitled to  
18 classification as an in-state student if the member of the armed forces  
19 has claimed this state as the person's state of legal residence for at  
20 least twelve consecutive months before the member of the armed forces, the  
21 spouse or the dependent enrolls in a university under the jurisdiction of  
22 the Arizona board of regents or a community college under the jurisdiction  
23 of a community college district governing board. For the purposes of this  
24 subsection, the requirement that a person be domiciled in this state for  
25 one year before enrollment to qualify for in-state student classification  
26 does not apply.

27 G. A person holding an honorable discharge from the uniformed  
28 services of the United States from either active duty or reserve or  
29 national guard status, or who has retired from active duty or reserve or  
30 national guard status, shall be granted immediate classification as an  
31 in-state student and, while continuously enrolled, does not lose in-state  
32 student classification if the person has demonstrated objective evidence  
33 of intent to be a resident of Arizona that, for the purposes of this  
34 section, includes at least one of the following:

- 35 1. Registration to vote in this state.
- 36 2. An Arizona driver license.
- 37 3. Arizona motor vehicle registration.
- 38 4. Employment history in Arizona.
- 39 5. Transfer of major banking services to Arizona.
- 40 6. Change of permanent address on all pertinent records.
- 41 7. Other materials of whatever kind or source relevant to domicile  
42 or residency status.

43 H. A person who meets any of the requirements prescribed in  
44 subsection ~~K~~ L of this section shall be granted immediate classification

1 as an in-state student and does not lose in-state student classification  
2 if the person has demonstrated objective evidence of intent to be a  
3 resident of this state that, for the purposes of this section, includes at  
4 least one of the following:

- 5 1. Registration to vote in this state.
- 6 2. An Arizona driver license.
- 7 3. Arizona motor vehicle registration.
- 8 4. Employment history in Arizona.
- 9 5. Transfer of major banking services to Arizona.
- 10 6. Change of permanent address on all pertinent records.
- 11 7. Other materials of whatever kind or source relevant to domicile

12 or residency status.

13 I. A person who is a member of an Indian tribe recognized by the  
14 United States department of the interior whose reservation land lies in  
15 this state and extends into another state and who is a resident of the  
16 reservation is entitled to classification as an in-state student.

17 J. A person who has participated in the AmeriCorps program or the  
18 volunteers in service to America program for at least one year in this  
19 state is entitled to classification as an in-state student.

20 K. A PERSON WHO IS A CONTRACTED CADET PARTICIPATING IN A RESERVE  
21 OFFICER TRAINING CORP PROGRAM IN THIS STATE IS ENTITLED TO CLASSIFICATION  
22 AS AN IN-STATE STUDENT.

23 ~~K~~ L. A person who meets any of the following requirements is  
24 entitled to immediate classification as an in-state student if that person  
25 has demonstrated objective evidence of intent to be a resident of this  
26 state as prescribed in subsection H of this section:

27 1. The person is a veteran as defined in title 38 of the United  
28 States Code who, while using educational assistance under 38 United States  
29 Code chapter 30, 31, 33 or 35, enrolls in a university under the  
30 jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents or a community college under  
31 the jurisdiction of a community college district governing board after the  
32 veteran's discharge from active duty service of ninety or more days.

33 2. The person does not meet the requirements prescribed in  
34 paragraph 3 or 4 of this subsection and, while using educational  
35 assistance under 38 United States Code chapter 30, 31, 33 or 35, enrolls  
36 in a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents or  
37 a community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district  
38 governing board after the veteran's discharge from active duty service of  
39 ninety or more days.

40 3. The person, while using benefits under the Marine Gunnery  
41 Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship prescribed in 38 United States Code  
42 section 3311(b)(9), enrolls in a university under the jurisdiction of the  
43 Arizona board of regents or a community college under the jurisdiction of  
44 a community college district governing board.

1           4. The person, while using transferred Post/911 G.I. Bill benefits  
2 pursuant to 38 United States Code section 3319 during a time in which the  
3 transferor is a member of the uniformed services serving on active duty,  
4 enrolls in a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of  
5 regents or a community college under the jurisdiction of a community  
6 college district governing board.

7           5. The person is otherwise described in 38 United States Code  
8 section 3679(c).