



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation is required.

Title

SUBSTITUTE-Support of in-state tuition for children of ~~illegal~~ undocumented immigrants

Body

WHEREAS, a large number of children are ~~illegally~~ brought without proper immigration documentation into ~~this country~~ the United States by their parents and raised as if they were citizens; and

WHEREAS, until this year, Wisconsin has allowed ~~illegal~~ undocumented immigrants who had resided in the state for three years, and had graduated from a Wisconsin high school to attend state universities by paying in-state tuition; and

WHEREAS, the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition is often what determines whether an individual can afford higher education; and

WHEREAS, denying education to children who were brought here ~~illegally~~ without proper immigration documentation only helps to create a permanent class of poor residents with a greater risk of becoming dependant on social services; and

WHEREAS, it should be the policy of this state to create an educated population who can contribute to our economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Madison supports the restoration of the law allowing in-state tuition for state residents who have graduated from a Wisconsin high school, but are ~~illegally in the country~~ lack proper immigration documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we ask the State Legislature and Governor to pass legislation to that effect; and

BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor.