

Laws & Policies Improving Access to Higher Education for Immigrants

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State	Year enacted	Bill number	Requirements: Years of high school in state	In-state tuition	State financial aid	Privately funded scholarships	Links to bill text, fiscal notes, analyses, and testimony, where available	
CA	2001	AB 540	3 years of high school coursework, provided that the student attended a total of 3 years at an elementary and/or secondary school in California, OR a total of 3 years of full-time attendance or credit at a California high school, adult school, or community college (up to 2 years at community college may be counted toward this total).	Yes			California State Legislature - AB 540	
	2011	AB 130					Yes	California State Legislature - AB 130
	2011	AB 131					Yes	California State Legislature - AB 131
	2012	AB 1899					California State Legislature - AB 1899	
	2014	AB 2000					California State Legislature - AB 2000	
	2014	SB 1210					California State Legislature - SB 1210	
	2017	SB 68					California State Legislature - SB 68	
	2019	SB 77	California State Legislature - SB 77					
CO	2013	SB 13-033	3 years	Yes	Yes	N/A	Colorado General Assembly	
	2019	HB 19-1196					Colorado General Assembly	

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CT	2011	HB 6390		Yes	N/A		Connecticut General Assembly
	2015	HB 6844	2 years				Connecticut General Assembly
	2018	SB 4				Yes	Connecticut General Assembly
DC	2017	Bill 21-0422	3 years	Yes	Yes	N/A	D.C. ACT 21-650
FL	2014	HB 851	3 years	Yes	No	N/A	Florida House of Representatives
HI	2013	Section 6-9	1 year in Hawaii; 3 years in U.S.	Yes	Yes	Yes	University of Hawaii Board of Regents Policies
IL	2003	HB 60	3 years	Yes		Yes	Illinois General Assembly - HB 60
	2011	SB 2185					Illinois General Assembly - SB 2185
	2019	HB 2691			Yes		Illinois General Assembly – HB 2691
KS	2004	HB 2145	3 years	Yes	N/A	N/A	Kansas Legislative Archive
MD	2011	SB 167		Yes	Yes	N/A	Maryland General Assembly
	2018	SB 532					Maryland General Assembly
	2020	HB 262	Graduate from Maryland high school, plus 3 years of paying Maryland taxes				Maryland General Assembly
MIN	2013	SF 1236	3 years	Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota Legislature
NE	2006	LB 239	3 years	Yes	N/A	N/A	Nebraska Legislature

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NJ	2013	SB 2479	3 years	Yes		N/A	New Jersey Legislature
	2018	S 699					New Jersey Legislature
NM	2005	SB 582	1 year	Yes	Yes	N/A	New Mexico Legislature
NY	2002	SB 7784	2 years	Yes	Yes		New York State Assembly
	2019	S1503/A2003					New York State Assembly
	2019	S1250/A782					New York State Assembly
OK	2003	SB 596	2 years	Yes, Board of Regents policy	Yes, certain grants	N/A	Oklahoma Legislature - SB 596
	2007	HB 1804 (preserved discretion)					Oklahoma Legislature - HB 1804
OR	2013	HB 2787	3 years in Oregon high school; 5 years in elementary or secondary school in U.S.	Yes		N/A	Oregon Legislature
	2015	SB 932					Oregon Legislature
	2018	SB 1563					Oregon Legislature
	2019	SB 859					Oregon Legislature
RI	2011	Residency Policy S-5.0	3 years	Yes	N/A	N/A	Board of Governors for Higher Education Policy Manual
	2021	SB 990					Rhode Island Legislature
TX	2001	HB 1403	3 years	Yes	Yes	N/A	Texas Legislature - HB 1403
	2005	SB 1528 (amends HB 1403)					Texas Legislature - SB 1528

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UT	2002	HB 144	3 years	Yes	N/A	Yes, for UT high school graduates	Utah State Legislature - HB 144
	2015	SB 253					Utah State Legislature - SB 253
	2019	HB 260				Utah Promise Scholarship	Utah State Legislature - HB 260
VA	2020	SB 935	2 years	Yes	Yes (effective Aug. 1, 2022)	N/A	Virginia State Legislature
	2021	HB 2123					
WA	2003	HB 1079	Complete and obtain a high school diploma or equivalent, and lived in state for at least one year prior to being admitted to higher education institution	Yes	Yes	N/A	Washington State Legislature
	2014	SB 6523					Washington State Legislature
	2018	HB 1488					Washington State Legislature
	2020	SB 6561					Washington State Legislature
	2021	SB 5194					Washington State Legislature