

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
AZ	2022	SCR 1044 , approved by voters in Proposition 308	2 years	Yes	N/A	N/A	SCR1044.docx (azleg.gov)
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	Yes	Yes	Yes	California State Legislature - AB 540
	2011	AB 130					California State Legislature - AB 130
	2011	AB 131					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
	2022	SB 1141					California State Legislature - SB 1141
CO	2013	SB 13-033		Yes	Yes	N/A	Colorado General Assembly
	2019	HB 19-1196	1 year				Colorado General Assembly
	2022	HB 22-1155					Colorado General Assembly
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	Graduate from Maryland high school, plus 3 years of paying Maryland taxes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Maryland General Assembly
	2018	SB 532					Maryland General Assembly
	2020	HB 262					Maryland General Assembly
MN	2013	SF 1236	3 years	Yes	Yes	Yes	Minnesota Legislature
NE	2006	LB 239	3 years	Yes	N/A	N/A	Nebraska Legislature
NV	2001	SB 347	High school graduate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Nevada Legislature
NJ	2013	SB 2479	3 years	Yes	Yes	N/A	New Jersey Legislature
	2018	S 699					New Jersey Legislature
	2022	S 3119					New Jersey Legislature
NM	2005	SB 582	1 year	Yes	Yes	N/A	New Mexico Legislature
NY	2002	SB 7784	2 years	Yes	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			Yes, financial aid, scholarships and grants		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
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					Virginia State Legislature
	2022	HB 526					Virginia State Legislature
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	Yes	Yes	N/A	Washington State Legislature

	2014	SB 6523	admitted to higher education institution				Washington State Legislature
	2018	HB 1488					Washington State Legislature
	2020	SB 6561					Washington State Legislature
	2021	SB 5194					Washington State Legislature