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BY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 51)

(COMPANION TO SF 243 BY GREEN)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 18, 2025)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to tuition, degree programs, employment, and
2 related matters pertaining to students enrolled at regents
3 institutions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "College Affordability Act".

3 Sec. 2. Section 262.9, subsection 19, paragraph a, Code
4 2025, is amended to read as follows:

5 a. Not less than thirty days prior to action by the board
6 on any proposal to increase tuition, fees, or charges at
7 one or more of the institutions of higher education under
8 its control, send written notification of the amount of the
9 proposed increase including a copy of the proposed tuition
10 increase docket memorandum prepared for its consideration to
11 the presiding officers of the student government organization
12 of the affected institutions. The final decision on an
13 increase in tuition or mandatory fees charged to all students
14 at an institution for a fiscal year shall be made at a regular
15 meeting and shall be reflected in a final docket memorandum
16 that states the estimated total cost of attending each of the
17 institutions of higher education under the board's control.
18 The regular meeting shall be held in Ames, Cedar Falls, or Iowa
19 City and shall not be held during a period in which classes
20 have been suspended for university holiday or break. The final
21 decision on an increase in tuition charged to all students at
22 an institution for a fiscal year shall be made at a regular
23 meeting held no later than April 30 of the previous fiscal
24 year.

25 Sec. 3. Section 262.9, Code 2025, is amended by adding the
26 following new subsections:

27 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Direct each institution of higher
28 education governed by the board to begin efforts to offer at
29 least one baccalaureate degree program that can be completed
30 in three years.

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 40. Direct each institution of higher
32 education governed by the board to begin implementation of
33 at least one work study program whereby a student engages in
34 part-time employment while pursuing a degree with the employer
35 being financially responsible for the student's tuition

1 and mandatory fees during semesters in which the student is
2 employed by the employer.

3 Sec. 4. INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNED BY THE
4 STATE BOARD OF REGENTS — UNDERGRADUATE TUITION — STUDY.

5 1. The state board of regents shall conduct a study on
6 establishing a policy whereby the tuition amount charged
7 to students classified as residents that is charged to an
8 undergraduate student in the student's first academic year
9 of enrollment will not increase in the student's subsequent
10 academic years of undergraduate enrollment for three
11 consecutive academic years.

12 2. The study shall include projections of how much such a
13 policy would increase enrollment at each of the institutions
14 of higher education governed by the board, the technical
15 feasibility of such a policy, the cost of implementation of
16 such a policy, and the results of implementation of similar
17 policies in other states.

18 3. The board shall submit a report on the results of the
19 study to the governor and the general assembly no later than
20 November 30, 2025.