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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1817**

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**By** House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, Chandler, Pettigrew, Ross, Appleton, Moscoso, Santos, Goodman, McCoy, Hunt, Springer, Pollet, Freeman, Habib, Reykdal, Tarleton, Lias, Sawyer, Wylie, Sells, Fitzgibbon, Pedersen, Ryu, Riccelli, Farrell, Cody, Dunshee, Bergquist, Roberts, Maxwell, and Fey)

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1           AN ACT Relating to adding eligibility criteria for higher education  
2 financial aid; amending RCW 28B.92.010; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many American  
5 youth arrive in this country and this state through the decision of  
6 their parents to relocate in search of opportunities to improve their  
7 lives and futures.

8           On June 15, 2012, President Obama introduced the deferred action  
9 for childhood arrivals process. Building on this directive, this act  
10 is intended to provide a more affordable and attainable route to  
11 college for children granted deferred action for childhood arrival  
12 status who reside in Washington state. While extending in-state  
13 tuition to these youth has helped them better afford higher education  
14 in this state, financial aid is necessary to extend to them the full  
15 American dream. The extension of financial aid to these aspiring young  
16 Americans is also necessary to position everyone for economic success  
17 and strengthen Washington state's competitive edge in the world  
18 economy.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.92.010 and 2004 c 275 s 34 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       The purposes of this chapter are to establish the principles upon  
4 which the state financial aid programs will be based and to establish  
5 the state of Washington state need grant program, thus assisting  
6 financially needy or disadvantaged students domiciled in Washington to  
7 obtain the opportunity of attending an accredited institution of higher  
8 education. State need grants under this chapter are available only to  
9 students who are resident students as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a)  
10 through (d) or any person who has completed the full senior year of  
11 high school and obtained a high school diploma, either at a Washington  
12 public high school or private high school approved under chapter  
13 28A.195 RCW, or a person who has received the equivalent of a diploma;  
14 who has lived in Washington state for at least three years immediately  
15 before receiving the diploma or its equivalent; who has continuously  
16 lived in the state of Washington after receiving the diploma or its  
17 equivalent and until such time as the individual is admitted to an  
18 eligible institution of higher education and has been granted deferred  
19 action for childhood arrival status pursuant to the rules and  
20 regulations adopted by the United States citizenship and immigration  
21 services.

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