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Overview

This bill clarifies and adds optional conditions for meeting the definition of Minnesota resident for state financial aid programs.

Section

1 Resident student. Clarifies and adds additional optional conditions for meeting the definition of a resident student to qualify for state financial aid programs. The bill clarifies that students who were residents of Minnesota and graduated from a Minnesota high school are considered residents if the student physically attends a postsecondary school in Minnesota. The bill adds persons who:

- are on active military service in Minnesota, including their spouses and dependents;
- relocated to Minnesota from an area declared a presidential disaster area, including their spouses;
- are defined as a refugee under federal law who live in Minnesota.

To be a resident for financial aid, a student must meet one of the conditions of residency. Current law has four conditions, including residing in Minnesota for 12 months without being enrolled in a postsecondary institution, being a dependent of a Minnesota resident, being a Minnesota high school graduate, or resident with a GED.