

## Laws & Policies Improving Access to Higher Education for Immigrants

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| State | Year enacted | Bill number                                                                      | Requirements:<br>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 |
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| AZ    | 2022         | <a href="#">SCR 1044</a> , approved by voters in <a href="#">Proposition 308</a> | 2 years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes              | N/A                 | N/A                           | <a href="#">SCR1044.docx (azleg.gov)</a>                                   |
| CA    | 2001         | <a href="#">AB 540</a>                                                           | 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,<br><br>OR<br><br>a total of 3 years of full-time attendance or credit at a California high school, adult school, or community college | Yes              | Yes                 | Yes                           | <a href="#">California State Legislature - AB 540</a>                      |
|       | 2011         | <a href="#">AB 130</a>                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |                     |                               | <a href="#">California State Legislature - AB 130</a>                      |
|       | 2011         | <a href="#">AB 131</a>                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |                     |                               | <a href="#">California State Legislature - AB 131</a>                      |
|       | 2012         | <a href="#">AB 1899</a>                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |                     |                               | <a href="#">California State Legislature - AB 1899</a>                     |
|       | 2014         | <a href="#">AB 2000</a>                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |                     |                               | <a href="#">California State Legislature - AB 2000</a>                     |
|       | 2014         | <a href="#">SB 1210</a>                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |                     |                               | <a href="#">California State Legislature - SB 1210</a>                     |
|       | 2017         | <a href="#">SB 68</a>                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |                     |                               | <a href="#">California State Legislature - SB 68</a>                       |

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|    | 2019 | <a href="#">SB 77</a>        |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">California State Legislature - SB 77</a>               |
|    | 2022 | <a href="#">SB 1141</a>      |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">California State Legislature - SB 1141</a>             |
| CO | 2013 | <a href="#">SB 13-033</a>    | 1 year<br>(removing affidavit & strengthening privacy)                                                                                      | Yes | Yes | N/A | <a href="#">Colorado General Assembly</a>                          |
|    | 2019 | <a href="#">HB 19-1196</a>   |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">Colorado General Assembly</a>                          |
|    | 2022 | <a href="#">HB 22-1155</a>   |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">Colorado General Assembly</a>                          |
|    | 2025 | <a href="#">SB 25-276</a>    |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">Colorado General Assembly</a>                          |
| CT | 2011 | <a href="#">HB 6390</a>      | 2 years                                                                                                                                     | Yes | N/A | Yes | <a href="#">Connecticut General Assembly</a>                       |
|    | 2015 | <a href="#">HB 6844</a>      |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">Connecticut General Assembly</a>                       |
|    | 2018 | <a href="#">SB 4</a>         |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">Connecticut General Assembly</a>                       |
| DC | 2017 | <a href="#">Bill 21-0422</a> | 3 years                                                                                                                                     | Yes | Yes | N/A | <a href="#">D.C. ACT 21-650</a>                                    |
| HI | 2013 | <a href="#">Section 6-9</a>  | 1 year in Hawaii;<br>3 years in U.S.                                                                                                        | Yes | Yes | Yes | <a href="#">University of Hawaii Board of Regents Policies</a>     |
| IL | 2003 | <a href="#">HB 60</a>        | Effective July 1, 2026: 2 years high school or 3 years including community college, if graduated/GED, AA degree or 60 credits of coursework | Yes | Yes | Yes | <a href="#">Illinois General Assembly - HB 60</a>                  |
|    | 2011 | <a href="#">SB 2185</a>      |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">Illinois General Assembly - SB 2185</a>                |
|    | 2019 | <a href="#">HB 2691</a>      |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">Illinois General Assembly – HB 2691</a>                |
|    | 2024 | <a href="#">SB 461</a>       |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">Illinois General Assembly - Bill Status for SB0461</a> |
|    | 2026 | <a href="#">HB 5093</a>      |                                                                                                                                             |     |     |     | <a href="#">Illinois General Assembly - Bill Status of HB5093</a>  |

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| <b>KS</b> | 2004 | <a href="#">HB 2145</a>                         | 3 years                                                                | Yes | N/A | N/A | <a href="#">Kansas Legislative Archive</a>                                                      |
| <b>MD</b> | 2011 | <a href="#">SB 167</a>                          | 2 years of paying Maryland taxes                                       | Yes | Yes | N/A | <a href="#">Maryland General Assembly</a>                                                       |
|           | 2018 | <a href="#">SB 532</a>                          |                                                                        |     |     |     | <a href="#">Maryland General Assembly</a>                                                       |
|           | 2020 | <a href="#">HB 262</a>                          |                                                                        |     |     |     | <a href="#">Maryland General Assembly</a>                                                       |
|           | 2026 | <a href="#">HB 1530</a>                         |                                                                        |     |     |     | <a href="#">Maryland General Assembly</a>                                                       |
| <b>MA</b> | 2023 | <a href="#">Chapter 28</a>                      | 3 years                                                                | Yes | Yes | N/A | <a href="#">Massachusetts Legislature</a>                                                       |
|           | 2024 | <a href="#">Section 22<br/>FY 25<br/>Budget</a> |                                                                        |     |     |     | <a href="#">Section 22: Tuition Equity<br/>Technical Corrections FY25<br/>Budget (mass.gov)</a> |
| <b>MN</b> | 2013 | <a href="#">SF 1236</a>                         | 3 years                                                                | Yes | Yes | Yes | <a href="#">Minnesota Legislature</a>                                                           |
| <b>NE</b> | 2006 | <a href="#">LB 239</a>                          | 3 years<br>(* law is currently repealed,<br>but litigation is ongoing) | Yes | N/A | N/A | <a href="#">Nebraska Legislature</a>                                                            |
| <b>NV</b> | 2021 | <a href="#">SB 347</a>                          | High school graduate                                                   | Yes | Yes | Yes | <a href="#">Nevada Legislature</a>                                                              |
| <b>NJ</b> | 2013 | <a href="#">SB 2479</a>                         | 3 years                                                                | Yes |     | N/A | <a href="#">New Jersey Legislature</a>                                                          |
|           | 2018 | <a href="#">S 699</a>                           |                                                                        |     | Yes |     | <a href="#">New Jersey Legislature</a>                                                          |
|           | 2022 | <a href="#">S 3119</a>                          |                                                                        |     |     |     | <a href="#">New Jersey Legislature</a>                                                          |
| <b>NM</b> | 2005 | <a href="#">SB 582</a>                          | 1 year                                                                 | Yes | Yes | N/A | <a href="#">New Mexico Legislature</a>                                                          |
| <b>NY</b> | 2002 | <a href="#">SB 7784</a>                         | 2 years                                                                | Yes |     |     | <a href="#">New York State Assembly</a>                                                         |
|           | 2019 | <a href="#">S1503/<br/>A2003</a>                |                                                                        |     | Yes |     | <a href="#">New York State Assembly</a>                                                         |

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|    | 2019 | <a href="#">S1250/A782</a>                     |                                                                                        |     |                                                      | Yes                                     | <a href="#">New York State Assembly</a>                                   |
| OR | 2013 | <a href="#">HB 2787</a>                        | 3 years in Oregon high school;<br>5 years in elementary or<br>secondary school in U.S. | Yes | Yes, financial<br>aid,<br>scholarships<br>and grants | N/A                                     | <a href="#">Oregon Legislature</a>                                        |
|    | 2015 | <a href="#">SB 932</a>                         |                                                                                        |     |                                                      |                                         | <a href="#">Oregon Legislature</a>                                        |
|    | 2018 | <a href="#">SB 1563</a>                        |                                                                                        |     |                                                      |                                         | <a href="#">Oregon Legislature</a>                                        |
|    | 2019 | <a href="#">SB 859</a>                         |                                                                                        |     |                                                      |                                         | <a href="#">Oregon Legislature</a>                                        |
| RI | 2011 | <a href="#">Residency<br/>Policy S-5.0</a>     | 2 years                                                                                | Yes | Yes                                                  | N/A                                     | <a href="#">Board of Governors for Higher<br/>Education Policy Manual</a> |
|    | 2021 | <a href="#">SB 990</a>                         |                                                                                        |     |                                                      |                                         | <a href="#">Rhode Island Legislature</a>                                  |
|    | 2022 |                                                |                                                                                        |     |                                                      |                                         | <a href="#">General Laws of Rhode Island<br/>Section 16-96-3</a>          |
|    | 2023 |                                                |                                                                                        |     |                                                      |                                         | <a href="#">General Laws of Rhode Island<br/>Section 16-107-5</a>         |
|    | 2026 | <a href="#">SB 2650</a>                        |                                                                                        |     |                                                      |                                         | <a href="#">General Laws of Rhode Island<br/>Section 16-113-6</a>         |
| TX | 2001 | <a href="#">HB 1403</a>                        | 3 years<br>(* law was repealed in June<br>2025, but litigation is ongoing)             | Yes | Yes                                                  | N/A                                     | <a href="#">Rhode Island Legislature</a>                                  |
|    | 2005 | <a href="#">SB 1528</a><br>(amends HB<br>1403) |                                                                                        |     |                                                      |                                         | <a href="#">Texas Legislature - HB 1403</a>                               |
| UT | 2002 | <a href="#">HB 144</a>                         | 3 years                                                                                | Yes | N/A                                                  | Yes, for UT<br>high school<br>graduates | <a href="#">Texas Legislature - SB 1528</a>                               |
|    | 2015 | <a href="#">SB 253</a>                         |                                                                                        |     |                                                      |                                         | <a href="#">Utah State Legislature -<br/>HB 144</a>                       |

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|           | 2019 | <a href="#">HB 260</a>  |                                                                                                                                                           |     |                              | Utah Promise Scholarship | <a href="#">Utah State Legislature - SB 253</a><br><a href="#">Utah State Legislature - HB 260</a> |
| <b>VT</b> | 2024 | <a href="#">S 191</a>   | Institutions to develop rules                                                                                                                             | Yes | Yes                          | N/A                      | <a href="#">S.191 (vermont.gov)</a>                                                                |
| <b>VA</b> | 2020 | <a href="#">SB 935</a>  | 2 years                                                                                                                                                   | Yes | Yes (effective Aug. 1, 2022) | N/A                      | <a href="#">Virginia State Legislature</a>                                                         |
|           | 2021 | <a href="#">HB 2123</a> |                                                                                                                                                           |     |                              |                          | <a href="#">Virginia State Legislature</a>                                                         |
|           | 2022 | <a href="#">HB 526</a>  |                                                                                                                                                           |     |                              |                          | <a href="#">Virginia State Legislature</a>                                                         |
| <b>WA</b> | 2003 | <a href="#">HB 1079</a> | 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                      | <a href="#">Washington State Legislature</a>                                                       |
|           | 2014 | <a href="#">SB 6523</a> |                                                                                                                                                           |     |                              |                          | <a href="#">Washington State Legislature</a>                                                       |
|           | 2018 | <a href="#">HB 1488</a> |                                                                                                                                                           |     |                              |                          | <a href="#">Washington State Legislature</a>                                                       |
|           | 2020 | <a href="#">SB 6561</a> |                                                                                                                                                           |     |                              |                          | <a href="#">Washington State Legislature</a>                                                       |
|           | 2021 | <a href="#">SB 5194</a> |                                                                                                                                                           |     |                              |                          | <a href="#">Washington State Legislature</a>                                                       |