

Whereas law abiding citizens and immigrants should be rewarded,

Whereas those who break the laws of the United States of America shall not be rewarded with financial compensation,

Be it enacted by the Assembly of the Atlantic Commonwealth,

Section One: Title

- (a) This act shall be known as the 'Scholarships for Lawful Applicants Only Act of 2017'.

Section Two: Definitions

- (a) 'Applicant' shall be any person who applies to a public university, college, community college, or any other post-secondary educational institution located or operating in the Atlantic Commonwealth.
- (b) 'Scholarship' shall be any financial remedy or incentive or other incentive in lieu of monetary incentives provided to any applicant of a public university, college, community college, or any other post-secondary educational institution located or operating in the Atlantic Commonwealth.
- (c) 'Public Post-Secondary Educational Institutions', for purposes of this act, shall refer to any post-secondary educational institution that receives greater than 10% of its funding from local, state, federal, or any other government.
- (d) 'Undocumented' shall refer to any applicant who is neither a U.S. citizen nor a lawful immigrant with the required and up-to-date visas necessary for lawfully studying in the United States.
- (e) 'Secretary' refers to the Secretary of Education of the Atlantic Commonwealth.

Section Three: Restrictions on Public Post-Secondary Educational Institutions

- (a) All public post-secondary educational institutions shall have procedures in place for validating the citizenship status of all applicants.
- (b) No public post-secondary educational institutions shall award scholarships of any amount to any applicant whose status in the United States is undocumented.

Section Four: Penalties for Non-Compliance of Section Three

- (a) Any public post-secondary educational institution that does not comply with Section Three in whole shall have all public funding revoked for:
 - (i) One year upon first offense;
 - (ii) Three years upon second offense;
 - (iii) Five years upon third offense;
 - (iv) Permanently following the third offense.

Section Five: Use of Revoked Funds

- (a) Any funds revoked through Section Four of this act shall be placed in a scholarship fund, held in an interest bearing account at the Treasury of the Atlantic Commonwealth, to support law abiding Americans and immigrants who pursue public post-secondary education in the Atlantic Commonwealth.

This bill shall go into effect on the start of fiscal year 2018.

This bill was written and sponsored by Assemblyman u/deepfriedhookers.