(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 1/24/18)

Aligns residency requirements for certain state financial aid programs.

Authorizes an institution of higher education to award a state need grant to an eligible student on a provisional basis if the student completes the free application for federal student aid or, if he or she is ineligible to apply for federal student aid, completes a state financial aid application as approved by the office of student financial assistance.

Modifies the definition of "resident student" to include a person who has: (1) Been granted deferred action for childhood arrival status regardless of whether he or she is no longer or will no longer be granted the deferred action due to the termination, suspension, or modification of the deferred action for childhood arrival program; and

(2) Met certain domicile requirements.

Modifies the definition of "nonresident student" as a person who: (1) Meets and complies with applicable requirements and is a lawful permanent resident, is a temporary resident, or holds a certain nonimmigrant status with the United States citizenship and immigration services;

- (2) Has been issued an employment authorization document by the United States citizenship and immigration services that is valid as of the date the person's residency status is determined; or
- (3) Is otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color of law, including deferred action status.