

Chairman Highland and Comittee Members,

After 28 years of service to the Nation in our Armed Forces, I returned to Kansas shocked and puzzled. I am dismayed at the State's policy on education. The policies implemented by the Kansas Department of Education or Legislated by our elected officials seem unfair, unjust and illegal. Specifically, the policy that allows for Illegal aliens to receive in State Tuition. That policy goes against most everything we have stood for in the past: hard work, sacrifice, determination and the will to stand up for what is right as it was illegal for those that are/were not residents of Kansas to receive in state tuition.

The current policy that provides in state tuition for illegal aliens eliminates manykey aspects from a student's endeavors and removes any incentive to becoming part of our nation...the right way...as we are a Nation of Law abiding citizens. The In State tuition for illegal aliens effectively rewards their efforts to gain an unfair advantage over other immigrants that joined our great nation in the manner prescribed by law. And, having served with many aliens (those wanting to become citizens can join the US Army and gain citizenship after 2 years of service and get the GI Bill), I can echo their dissatisfaction with the currently policy as well.

So, as you get ready to vote, please keep in mind that keeping in state tuition for illegal aliens merely creates a "special class" of citizens that is unfair to all current and prospective Kansan's, especially those recent immigrants that worked so very hard for their citizenship and right to in state tuition.

Thanks

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