

# Fixed Tuition Rate

This Act authorizes a general academic teaching institution to develop a fixed tuition rate program for qualified students who agree to transfer to the institution within 12 months after successfully earning an associate degree from a lower-division institution of higher education. The legislation establishes parameters for the tuition to be charged to a participating student in such a program during a period of at least 24 months after the student's initial enrollment in the general academic institution and requires an institution that develops such a program to prescribe eligibility requirements for participation and to notify applicants for transfer admission from lower-division institutions of higher education regarding the program.

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## Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1           Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act shall be cited as “An Act Relating Fixed Tuition Rate  
2 Program for Certain Students.”

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4           Section 2. [*Fixed Tuition Rate.*]

5           (A) As used in this Section:

6                   (1) “Coordinating board” means the [higher education coordinating board].

7                   (2) “General academic teaching institution” has the meaning assigned by [insert  
8 citation].

9                   (3) “Lower-division institution of higher education” means a public junior college,  
10 public state college, or public technical institute.

11           (B) A general academic teaching institution may develop a fixed tuition rate program for  
12 qualified students who agree to transfer to the institution within 12 months after successfully earning  
13 an associate degree at a lower-division institution of higher education. Under a program developed  
14 under this section, a general academic teaching institution must:

15                   (1) guarantee to a participating student enrolled in an associate degree program at a  
16 lower-division institution of higher education, on successful completion of the associate degree  
17 program, transfer admission to the general academic teaching institution within the period prescribed  
18 above; and

19                   (2) notwithstanding any other provision of this section, charge tuition to a  
20 participating student for any semester or other academic term during a period of at least 24 months  
21 following the student’s initial enrollment in the institution at the same rate the general academic  
22 teaching institution would have charged to the student during the later of:

23                           (a) the fall semester of the student’s freshman year at another institution of  
24 higher education had the student entered the general academic teaching institution as a freshman  
25 student; or

26                           (b) the fall semester of the [second] academic year preceding the academic  
27 year of the student’s initial enrollment in the general academic teaching institution.

28 (C) A general academic teaching institution that develops a fixed tuition rate program under  
29 this section shall prescribe eligibility requirements for participation in the program and notify  
30 applicants for transfer admission from lower-division institutions of higher education regarding the  
31 program.

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33 Section 3. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]

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35 Section 4. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]

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37 Section 5. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]