

Subject State government: benefits for undocumented noncitizens

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Overview

This bill restricts the ability of undocumented noncitizens to access state benefits. Section 1 is a general prohibition. Sections 2 and 3 affect specific programs.

Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | State-funded payments to undocumented noncitizens prohibited.
Generally prohibits undocumented noncitizens from receiving from a state agency or political subdivision grants or other payments that are funded by state tax revenue. Provides that the prohibition only applies to programs that require the recipient to demonstrate Minnesota residency, and for such programs, adds a new requirement that the recipient also demonstrate U.S. citizenship or lawful presence. |
| 2 | North Star Promise (NSP) scholarship program: definitions.
Amends NSP's definition of "eligible student" so that students who qualify as Minnesota residents under section 135A.043 (commonly referred to as the "Minnesota Dream Act") are not eligible for a scholarship award beginning in the fall 2025 academic term. The Minnesota Dream Act, which was passed in 2013, provided certain undocumented noncitizens in Minnesota the ability to access state financial aid. |
| 3 | MinnesotaCare: citizenship requirements.
Provides that undocumented noncitizens are not eligible for MinnesotaCare, effective immediately. MinnesotaCare provides subsidized health care coverage to low-income individuals in the state. Undocumented noncitizens first became eligible for the program on January 1, 2025. |