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ABOR Clarification for Media on Tuition Model Study Request for Arizona Students with Deferred Action

Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) Chair Rick Myers directed ABOR staff yesterday to review tuition options for Arizona students with deferred action. These options may include lower tuition rates compared to the current nonresident tuition rates these students currently pay. These “deferred action students” would not be eligible for in-state tuition.

Numerous media outlets inaccurately reported that the Arizona Board of Regents is considering in-state tuition for Arizona residents with deferred action status. That is not correct.

While it may seem a subtle, it is an important legal distinction.

Arizona law prohibits any person who does not have lawful immigration status to be classified as an in-state student for purposes of tuition. It also prohibits the use of state taxpayer dollars to fund financial aid for these students. The Board has no plans to consider any policy revision that would violate the law.

The Arizona Board of Regents respectfully requests media outlets that may have misreported this to please clarify for their readers, viewers and listeners.