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Florida Council of 100 applauds Florida House of Representatives passage of in-state tuition legislation; Urges Florida Senate to do same

TAMPA, Fla. (March 20, 2014) – Today, the Florida Council of 100 released the following statement from Chairman Steve Halverson regarding the passage of House Bill 851, relating to in-state tuition:

“The Florida Council of 100 applauds Speaker Weatherford and the Florida House of Representatives on today’s passage of in-state tuition legislation. Florida taxpayers annually make a substantial investment in the K-12 education of their children, and it is vital to the state’s economy that we support their continued learning, regardless of immigration status.

“The House of Representatives is to be commended for the deliberative approach it took toward crafting this balanced legislation. The Council of 100 urges the Florida Senate to continue its thoughtful review of the topic and adopt similar provisions that enable more Florida students to affordably access a higher education in the state.”

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