## ITEM 182-102-C0119 Revisions to Residency Policy 940.1

## THAT

The Board of Regents adopts revisions to Policy 940.1 – Residency.

## **EXPLANATION**

The proposed revisions seek to clarify the Board's residency policy by: (1) clarifying that one act is not definitive of all acts that may be necessary to establish residency; (2) clarifying that a person seeking residency must file any *required* resident Montana tax return for all taxable income earned during the period in which residency is claimed; (3) clarifying that a person seeking residency must provide documentation of financial independence; (4) providing that the 12-month waiting period does not run during any period in which a person seeking residency maintains legal ties to another state; (5) providing that online credits taken at any institution during the 12-month waiting period are included in the calculation of half-time status; (6) increasing the number of credits for determining half-time status; (7) clarifying provisions related to professional student exchange programs; and (8) providing that students admitted as non-residents to professional degree programs (law, pharmacy, and physical therapy) will remain classified as non-residents during the duration of their enrollment in these programs.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Proposed revisions to residency policy Attachment #2: Description of revisions following November 2018 meeting