

RESOLUTION

State Tax Policy and Other Benefits between States for Section 529 Qualified Tuition Programs

Urging any organization, public or private, entering a state to advocate that the state grant tax or other benefits to out-of-state section 529 qualified tuition programs first advise the public official responsible for administration of the state's plan of their intent to participate in the discussion of state tax or other benefits for section 529 qualified tuition programs.

WHEREAS, Congress created Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code to enhance the ability of families to save and plan for future college expenses and explicitly established the control, administration, and public policy decisions of Section 529 Qualified Tuition Plans with the states; and

WHEREAS, States provide a Section 529 Qualified Tuition Plan through duly enacted laws passed by each respective state's legislature; and

WHEREAS, Each state has the sovereign power to enact laws and develop public policy that best meets the needs of each state's citizens; and

WHEREAS, Many states offer state tax deductions, credits, exemptions, and other benefits to their citizens under the in-state Section 529 Qualified Tuition Plan as a recognition of the value of higher education and as a public affirmation of the quality of the in-state 529 Plan; and

WHEREAS, The cost of a college education continues to increase and states have helped their citizens by offsetting these increases with state tax incentives that are unique to each state's tax policy; and

WHEREAS, Many states have been forced to spend considerable time and resources to counteract the efforts of certain organizations that have entered states to advocate for state tax parity and that have disseminated information regarding the states' 529

programs that is not in the best interest of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Treasurers and other state officers are experts in public policy creation and implementation and have extensive knowledge and experience developing sound, sustainable state tax policy and are responsible for ensuring that the laws and policies meet the needs of the states and a majority of their citizens.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the National Association of State Treasurers and its affiliate, the College Savings Plans Network urge any private or public organization entering a state to advocate that the state grant tax or other benefits to out-of-state section 529 qualified tuition programs first advise the public official responsible for administration of the state's plan of their intent to participate in the discussion of state tax or other benefits for section 529 qualified tuition programs.

Approved this 1st Day of October 2018, by the
National Association of State Treasurers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Pearce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "E".

Hon. Beth Pearce
NAST President &
Vermont State Treasurer

Approved in 2006.

Renewed in 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2018.