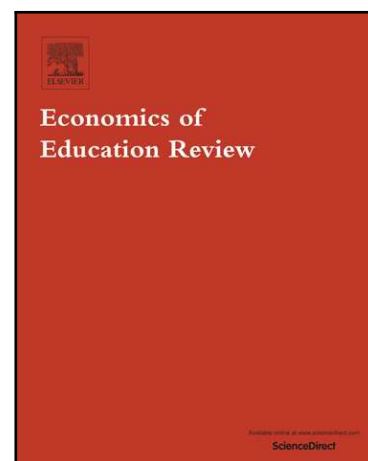


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HIGHLIGHTS

- Do brighter college prospects reduce risky behavior among Mexican immigrant youth?
- The identification strategy exploits the variation in timing of in-state tuition policies for undocumented students to answer this question.
- The policies increase college enrollment, decrease high school dropout behavior, and reduce the incidence of teenage motherhood.
- Specification checks show that the policy effect: does not exist for non-targeted groups, is not driven by pre-existing trends in high school completion, and is unlikely to be driven by selective migration of undocumented students across states.

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