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**SYNOPSIS**

“Tuition Equality Act”; allows certain students to qualify for in-State tuition rates at public institutions of higher education.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

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1 AN ACT concerning tuition rates for certain students at public  
2 institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 62 of  
3 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tuition  
9 Equality Act."

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11 2. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
12 contrary, a student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the  
13 meaning of section 101 (a)(15) of the "Immigration and Nationality  
14 Act," (8 U.S.C. s.1101(a)(15)), shall be exempt from paying  
15 nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education if the  
16 student:

17 (1) attended high school in this State for three or more years;

18 (2) graduated from a high school in this State or received the  
19 equivalent of a high school diploma in this State;

20 (3) registers as an entering student or is currently enrolled in a  
21 public institution of higher education not earlier than the fall  
22 semester of the 2013-2014 academic year; and

23 (4) in the case of a person without lawful immigration status,  
24 files an affidavit with the institution of higher education stating that  
25 the student has filed an application to legalize his immigration  
26 status or will file an application as soon as he is eligible to do so.

27 b. Student information obtained in the implementation of this  
28 section shall be confidential.

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30 3. The Secretary of Higher Education shall adopt in accordance  
31 with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
32 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations as may be necessary to  
33 implement the provisions of this act.

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35 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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40 This bill allows a student, including a student without lawful  
41 immigration status, to pay in-State tuition at the State's public  
42 institutions of higher education if he meets the following criteria:  
43 attended a high school in this State for three years or more;  
44 graduated from a high school in this State or attained the equivalent  
45 of a high school diploma in the State; registers as an entering  
46 student or is currently enrolled in a public institution of higher  
47 education not earlier than the fall semester of the 2013-2014  
48 academic year; and files an affidavit with the institution of higher

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- 2 his immigration status or will file an application as soon as he is
- 3 eligible to do so.