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SYNOPSIS

Concerns free access to certain job training courses for employees affected by plant closings, mass layoffs or transfer of operations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning access to certain job training courses and
2 amending P.L.1983, c.469 and P.L.1983, c.470.

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

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1983, c.469 (C.18A:64-13.2) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. Each public institution of higher education shall permit a
10 person who has been in the labor market for at least two years and
11 is unemployed or has received a layoff notice as a result of a factory
12 or plant closing or transfer, or mass layoff to enroll without
13 payment of tuition in a job training course, provided that the person
14 is not eligible for any available State or federal student financial aid
15 and that available classroom space permits and that tuition paying
16 students constitute the minimum number required for the course. In
17 the case of an employee of an employer who is required to provide
18 notification to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce
19 Development pursuant to subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.2007,
20 c.212 (C.34:21-2), that person shall be permitted to enroll without
21 payment of tuition in a job training course regardless of any
22 classroom restriction in space. Nothing herein shall preclude a
23 public institution of higher education from requiring a registration
24 fee not to exceed \$20.00 per academic term.

25 (cf: P.L.1992, c.45, s.2)

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27 2. Section 2 of P.L.1983, c.470 (C.18A:64A-23.2) is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 2. Each county college shall permit a person who has been in
30 the labor market for at least two years and is unemployed or has
31 received a layoff notice as a result of a factory or plant closing or
32 transfer, or mass layoff to enroll without payment of tuition in a job
33 training course, provided that the person is not eligible for any
34 available State or federal student financial aid and that available
35 classroom space permits and that tuition paying students constitute
36 the minimum number required for the course. In the case of an
37 employee of an employer who is required to provide notification to
38 the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development pursuant
39 to subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.2007, c.212 (C.34:21-2), that
40 person shall be permitted to enroll without payment of tuition in a
41 job training course regardless of any restriction in classroom space.
42 Nothing herein shall preclude a county college from requiring a
43 registration fee not to exceed \$20.00 per academic term.

44 (cf: P.L.1992, c.45, s.4)

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill would amend current law to provide employees of
7 employers subject to the “Millville Dallas Airmotive Plant Job Loss
8 Notification Act,” P.L.2007, c.212 (C.34:21-1 et seq.), with
9 increased opportunities to participate in job training at all public
10 and county colleges in the State.

11 The “Millville Dallas Airmotive Plant Job Loss Notification
12 Act,” requires prenotification, of at least 60 days, for certain
13 anticipated plant closings and mass layoffs in order to provide the
14 time needed to avoid closings of viable plants, and, if a closing is
15 unavoidable, to help workers to utilize effectively the services
16 needed to make a timely transition to new employment or
17 occupations.

18 Among the retraining options available to these workers are
19 programs that provide for tuition or grants to pay for training such
20 as vocational technical education or community college. The
21 “tuition waiver program” currently restricts the number of available
22 class slots for participants. This legislation seeks to end this
23 limitation for those individuals affected by a plant closing, transfer
24 of operations or mass layoff.