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SYNOPSIS

Increases campus security by allowing institutions of higher education to offer partial tuition credit to police officers enrolled at the institution who agree to be on duty while attending classes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT establishing a tuition credit program for certain police
2 officers and supplementing chapter 71B of Title 18A of the New
3 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. As used in this act:

9 “Police officer” means any New Jersey resident who is a
10 permanent fulltime active member of any police force or
11 organization of any municipality or county in the State, or the State
12 Police.

13 “Program” means the Campus Security Tuition Credit Program
14 established pursuant to this act.

15 “Public institution of higher education” means those institutions
16 enumerated in N.J.S.18A:62-1.

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18 2. There is established a Campus Security Tuition Credit
19 Program. Under the program a police officer admitted to a New
20 Jersey public institution of higher education shall be eligible for a
21 tuition credit of up to 50% of the cost of tuition in exchange for
22 being on duty while attending classes.

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24 3. A person who is a police officer in good standing shall be
25 eligible to receive up to 50% of the tuition normally charged by a
26 public institution of higher education for students attending that
27 institution provided that:

28 a. the police officer has been accepted to pursue a course of
29 undergraduate or graduate study at the institution and is enrolled as
30 an undergraduate or graduate student in good standing at the
31 institution;

32 b. the police officer has applied for all available State student
33 grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and
34 scholarships for which the police officer is eligible; and

35 c. the police officer enters into an agreement with the
36 institution in which he is enrolled to provide security services to the
37 institution while attending classes. The agreement shall specify the
38 role and the specific duties of the police officer while on duty
39 attending classes on campus, and the total amount of the tuition
40 credit per semester he will receive for participating in the program.

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42 4. Any benefits granted to an eligible police officer pursuant to
43 this act shall not be considered income or an asset in determining
44 financial need for any financial assistance for higher education
45 provided pursuant to Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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47 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of
48 subsection e. of N.J.S.2C:39-5, a police officer participating in the

1 program who is otherwise legally permitted to carry a firearm shall
2 be permitted to carry the firearm on the campus of the public
3 institution of higher education in which he is enrolled.

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5 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill establishes a program designed to increase campus
11 security at our public institutions of higher education. Under the
12 Campus Security Tuition Credit Program a police officer admitted
13 to a New Jersey public institution of higher education will be
14 eligible for a tuition credit of up to 50% of the cost of tuition in
15 exchange for being on duty while attending classes. In order to be
16 eligible a person must be a New Jersey resident and a police officer
17 in good standing employed in this State. In addition, the police
18 officer must have been accepted to pursue a course of
19 undergraduate or graduate study at the institution and be enrolled as
20 an undergraduate or graduate student in good standing at the
21 institution. The bill requires that the police officer enter into an
22 agreement with the institution in which he is enrolled to provide
23 security services to the institution while attending classes. The
24 agreement must specify the role and the specific duties of the police
25 officer while on duty attending classes on campus, and the total
26 amount of the tuition credit per semester he will receive for
27 participating in the program.

28 The bill specifically exempts police officers who are
29 participating in this program from the provisions of paragraph (1) of
30 subsection e. of N.J.S.2C:39-5 which provides that any person who
31 knowingly has in his possession any firearm in or upon any part of
32 the buildings or grounds of any school, college, university or other
33 educational institution, without the written authorization of the
34 governing officer of the institution, is guilty of a crime of the third
35 degree, irrespective of whether the person possesses a valid permit
36 to carry the firearm or a valid firearms purchaser identification card.