

SENATE, No. 2621

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SYNOPSIS

Allows students to use tuition aid grant awards during summer session.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the use of tuition aid grants and supplementing
2 chapter 71B of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. a. A student may elect to use a portion of a tuition aid grant
8 award to enroll in the summer session that follows the academic
9 year. Prior to the beginning of the academic year, a student shall
10 notify the authority of the student's intent to use a portion of the
11 tuition aid grant award for the summer session, and the authority
12 shall adjust the amount of the tuition aid grant award that will be
13 disbursed during the academic year accordingly.

14 b. The use of a tuition aid grant award for a summer session
15 shall not count towards the number of academic years for which a
16 student is eligible to receive a grant pursuant to the provisions of
17 subsection b. of N.J.S.18A:71B-20.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
20 the first full academic year following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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25 Regulations promulgated by the Higher Education Student
26 Assistance Authority restrict the number of semesters for which a
27 student may receive an award payment under the tuition aid grant
28 (TAG) program in a manner that precludes students from using a
29 TAG award to support the cost of enrolling in a summer session.
30 This bill provides that a student may elect to use a portion of a TAG
31 award during the summer session following the academic year. The
32 use of a TAG award during a summer session would not count
33 towards the statutory limit on the number of academic years for
34 which a student remains eligible to receive a TAG award. This bill
35 implements a recommendation of the College Affordability Study
36 Commission which released its final report in September 2016.