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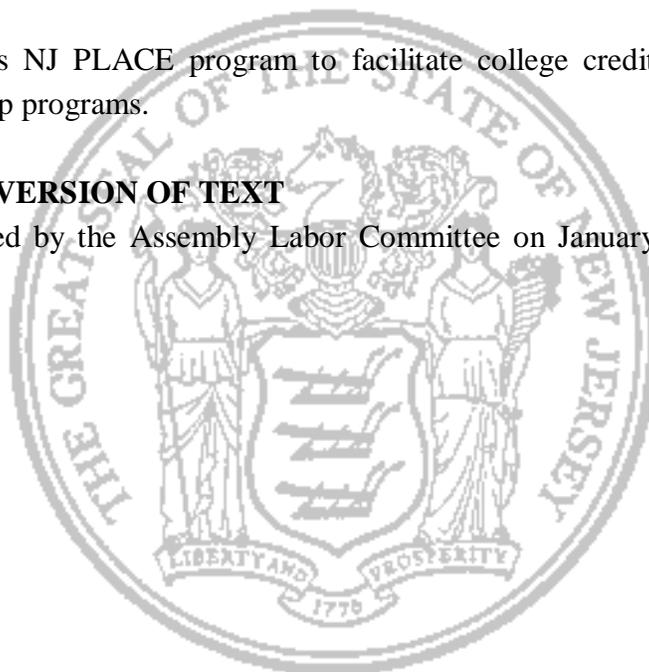
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes NJ PLACE program to facilitate college credit for registered apprenticeship programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Labor Committee on January 4, 2010, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing the NJ PLACE program, amending P.L.2007,
2 c.175 and supplementing P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.).
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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. (New section) a. There is established, in the Department of
8 Labor and Workforce Development ¹and under the direction of the
9 State Employment and Training Commission as part of the
10 commission's responsibilities pursuant to subsection d. of section 9
11 of P.L.1989, c.293 (C.34:15C-6)¹, the New Jersey Pathways
12 Leading Apprentices to a College Education, or "NJ PLACE",
13 program. The purpose of the program is to facilitate cooperation
14 between appropriate State agencies, employer organizations, labor
15 organizations, schools, and two-year and four-year institutions of
16 higher education to enter into agreements to provide college credit
17 in connection with apprenticeship programs and permit the work of
18 apprentices in those programs to be credited towards two-year and
19 four-year college degrees. To implement its purpose, the program
20 shall continue the current process of negotiations between county
21 colleges and other institutions of higher education, employer
22 organizations, labor organizations and State agencies which has
23 resulted in the establishment of an associate in applied science in
24 technical studies degree program into which credits are transferred
25 for the time spent by apprentices in classroom and non-classroom
26 apprenticeship training and education. While most of these existing
27 articulation agreements establishing transfer credits are between
28 county colleges and construction trade apprenticeships, the NJ
29 PLACE program shall work to facilitate agreements involving
30 additional apprenticeship programs outside, as well as inside, of the
31 construction industry and involving four-year, as well as two-year,
32 college degrees.

33 b. The NJ PLACE program shall coordinate its efforts to
34 promote apprenticeship programs and related higher education with
35 the efforts of the "Youth Transitions to Work Partnership Act,"
36 created pursuant to P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-1 et al.) and
37 consortia of businesses, business organizations, labor organizations
38 and educational institutions funded by that partnership to link newly
39 established and existing apprenticeship programs with secondary
40 schools and institutions of higher education to provide effective
41 transitions for high school graduates into those programs.

42 c. ¹**[The current level of appropriations]** The State
43 Employment and Training Commission is authorized to obtain,
44 accept and utilize resources¹ for the NJ PLACE program ¹**[during**

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ALA committee amendments adopted January 4, 2010.

1 fiscal year 2010 shall be continued in subsequent years. Those
2 appropriations shall continue to be drawn] as may be, or may
3 become, available¹ from appropriate 'State, federal and non-
4 governmental¹ sources of funding for employment, training and
5 educational purposes, including the Workforce Development
6 Partnership Fund created pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1992, c.43
7 (C.34:15D-9), the "Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skills"
8 established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2001, c.152 (C.34:15D-21)
9 ¹, or funds available pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act of
10 1998, Pub.L. 105-220 (29 U.S.C. s.2801 et seq.)¹.

11 d. For the purposes of this section, "apprenticeship program"
12 means a registered apprenticeship program providing to each trainee
13 combined classroom and on-the-job training under the direct and
14 close supervision of a highly skilled worker in an occupation
15 recognized as an apprenticeable trade, registered by the Office of
16 Apprenticeship of the U.S. Department of Labor, and meeting the
17 standards established by the office.

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19 2. Section 1 of P.L.2007, c.175 (C.18A:62-46) is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 1. Each public institution of higher education, in consultation
22 with the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and the New
23 Jersey Presidents' Council, shall establish and enter into a collective
24 Statewide transfer agreement that provides for the seamless transfer
25 of academic credits to a baccalaureate degree program from a
26 completed associate of arts **[or]** degree program, a completed
27 associate of science degree program **[to a baccalaureate degree**
28 **program]**, or a completed associate in applied science in technical
29 studies degree program which has credits transferred by the NJ
30 PLACE program from apprenticeship programs. The transfer
31 agreement shall include:

32 a. a listing of the general education core courses as stipulated
33 by the Presidents' Council;

34 b. policies and procedures for the seamless transfer and
35 application of academic credits to a baccalaureate degree program
36 from a completed associate degree program **[to a baccalaureate**
37 **degree program]**, including a guarantee that an associate of arts
38 degree, **[or an]** associate of science degree, or associate in applied
39 science in technical studies degree which has credits transferred by
40 the NJ PLACE program from apprenticeship programs, awarded by
41 a county college established pursuant to chapter 64A of Title 18A
42 of the New Jersey Statutes shall be fully transferable and credited as
43 the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program at the four-
44 year public institution of higher education in the State to which a
45 student is admitted;

1 c. policies and procedures for the implementation of an appeals
2 process for students and institutions to resolve disputes regarding
3 the transfer of academic credits;

4 d. policies and procedures for the annual review and update of
5 the agreement; and

6 e. policies and procedures for the collection of data by the
7 commission to ensure that all participating institutions of higher
8 education are in compliance with the provisions of this act and to
9 ensure that the agreement is fostering both a seamless transfer
10 process and the academic success of transfer students at the senior
11 institutions. The commission shall annually determine the data to
12 be collected and shall notify each participating institution in a
13 timely manner.

14 The policies and procedures set forth in the transfer agreement
15 shall be fully operational by September 1, 2008¹, except that, with
16 respect to associate in applied science in technical studies degree
17 programs which have credits transferred by the NJ PLACE program
18 from apprenticeship programs, the transfer agreement shall be fully
19 operational by September 1, 2011¹.

20 (cf: P.L.2007, c.175, s.1)

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22 3. Section 2 of P.L.2007, c.175 (C.18A:62-47) is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 2. On or before January 1, 2008, each public institution of
25 higher education shall, in consultation with the Commission on
26 Higher Education and the Presidents' Council, develop and adopt as
27 part of the collective Statewide transfer agreement established
28 pursuant to section 1 of this act policies and procedures for the
29 transfer of credits earned by a student who has not completed his
30 associate degree program prior to transferring into a baccalaureate
31 degree program¹, except that, with respect to associate in applied
32 science in technical studies degree programs which have credits
33 transferred by the NJ PLACE program from apprenticeship
34 programs, those policies and procedures shall be developed and
35 adopted on or before January 1, 2011¹.

36 (cf: P.L.2007, c.175, s.2)

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38 ¹[3.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.