SYNOPSIS

Allows certain students including undocumented immigrants who meet certain criteria to qualify for State student financial aid programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Budget Committee on December 11, 2014, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/15/2015)
AN ACT concerning eligibility for State student financial assistance programs and supplementing chapter 71B of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:71B-2 or any other law or regulation to the contrary, a student who meets the requirements of P.L.2013, c.170 (C.18A:62-4.4) is eligible to apply for, and participate in, any student financial aid program administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority or the Secretary of Higher Education to the full extent permitted by federal law. The Legislature finds and declares that this section is a state law within the meaning of section 411(d) of the “Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996” (8 U.S.C. s.1621(d)).

b. The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority and the Secretary of Higher Education shall establish procedures and forms that enable students who meet the requirements of P.L.2013, c.170 (C.18A:62-4.4) to apply for, and participate in, all student financial aid programs administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority and the Secretary of Higher Education to the full extent permitted by federal law. The procedures and forms shall be posted on the websites of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority and the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education.

c. The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority and the Secretary of Higher Education shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and first apply to the 2014-2015 academic year.

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:
Assembly ABU committee amendments adopted December 11, 2014.