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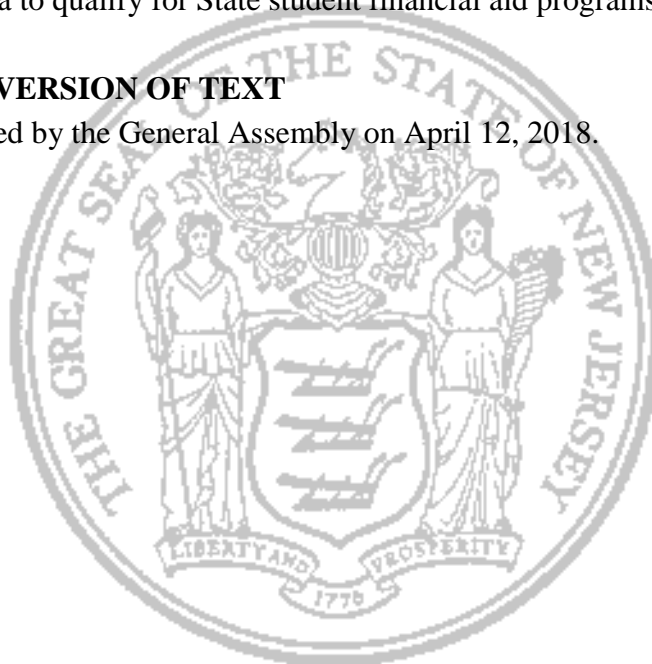
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Huttle, Assemblyman Johnson and Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson**

SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on April 12, 2018.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 4/13/2018)

1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for State student financial assistance
2 programs and supplementing chapter 71B of Title 18A of the
3 New 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. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:71B-2 or
9 any other law or regulation to the contrary, a student who meets the
10 requirements of P.L.2013, c.170 (C.18A:62-4.4) ¹, or in the case of
11 a student enrolled in an independent institution of higher education
12 meets all of the requirements of P.L.2013, c.170 (C.18A:62-4.4)
13 except for the requirement to enroll in a public institution of higher
14 education,¹ is eligible to apply for, and participate in, any student
15 financial aid program administered by the Higher Education Student
16 Assistance Authority or the Secretary of Higher Education to the
17 full extent permitted by federal law. The Legislature finds and
18 declares that this section is a state law within the meaning of
19 section 411(d) of the “Personal Responsibility and Work
20 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996” (8 U.S.C. s.1621(d)).

21 b. The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority and the
22 Secretary of Higher Education shall establish procedures and forms
23 that enable students who meet the requirements of ¹**[P.L.2013,**
24 **c.170 (C.18A:62-4.4)]** subsection a. of this section¹ to apply for,
25 and participate in, all student financial aid programs administered
26 by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority and the
27 Secretary of Higher Education to the full extent permitted by
28 federal law. The procedures and forms shall be posted on the
29 websites of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority and
30 the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education.

31 c. ¹The procedures and forms established by the Higher
32 Education Student Assistance Authority and the Secretary of Higher
33 Education pursuant to this section shall not discriminate against
34 eligible students based on the immigration status or national origin
35 of the student or the student’s parent or guardian.

36 d. Except as required by State or federal law, the Higher
37 Education Student Assistance Authority and the Secretary of Higher
38 Education shall not request information from any student about the
39 citizenship or immigration status of the student or the student’s
40 parent or guardian.

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

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47 2. This act shall take effect immediately and first apply to the
48 2018-2019 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:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted April 12, 2018.