

P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 264, *approved August 23, 2019*
Assembly, No. 5390

1 **AN ACT** concerning tuition for certain servicemembers at public
2 institutions of higher education and amending P.L.2015, c.32.

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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. Section 2 of P.L.2015, c.32 (C.18A:62-4.1b) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. a. A veteran or covered individual who is living in New
10 Jersey and is attending a public institution of higher education in
11 New Jersey shall be regarded as a resident of the State for the
12 purpose of determining tuition, regardless of the veteran or covered
13 individual's state of residence.

14 b. As used in this section:

15 "Covered individual" means:

16 (1) an individual who is entitled to educational assistance under
17 provisions of the federal "Post-9/11 Educational Assistance"
18 program (38 U.S.C. s.3311(b)(9) or 3319) by virtue of such
19 individual's relationship to a veteran ; and

20 (2) an individual who is entitled to educational assistance under
21 provisions of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs'
22 "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program" (38 U.S.C.
23 s.3100 et seq.) effective for courses, semesters, or terms that begin
24 after March 1, 2019.

25 "Veteran" means a person who has served on active duty in the
26 Uniformed Services of the United States and who was discharged or
27 released and who qualifies for educational assistance under the
28 federal "All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program" (38
29 U.S.C. s.3001 et seq.) or "Post-9/11 Educational Assistance"
30 program (38 U.S.C. s.3301 et seq.).
31 (cf: P.L.2015, c.32, s.2)

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 STATEMENT

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38 Under the "New Jersey Tuition Equality for America's Military
39 (NJTEAM) Act," P.L.2015, c.32, certain veterans who live in New
40 Jersey and attend a public institution of higher education are
41 eligible for in-State tuition rates regardless of the veteran's state of
42 residence. The NJTEAM Act also extends in-State tuition eligibility

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.

1 to certain other “covered individuals” such as the veteran’s spouse
2 or child. This bill expands the definition of a “covered individual”
3 under the NJTEAM Act to also provide in-State tuition eligibility to
4 individuals who are entitled to educational assistance under the
5 United States Department of Veterans Affairs’ “Vocational
6 Rehabilitation and Employment Program” (38 U.S.C. s.3100 et
7 seq.) effective for courses, semesters, or terms that begin after
8 March 1, 2019.

9 The provisions of this bill conform with a recent federal law,
10 section 301 of Public Law No. 115-251, which provides that
11 individuals using educational assistance under the Department of
12 Veterans Affairs’ “Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
13 Program” who live in the state must be charged the in-state tuition
14 rate at a public institution of higher education.

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19 Provides in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education
20 to individuals living in NJ who are entitled to educational assistance
21 under US Department of Veterans Affairs’ Vocational
22 Rehabilitation and Employment Program.