

# SENATE, No. 699

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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**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 Senate Higher Education Committee with technical review.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/9/2018)

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) is eligible to apply  
 11      for, and participate in, any student financial aid program  
 12      administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority  
 13      or the Secretary of Higher Education to the full extent permitted by  
 14      federal law. The Legislature finds and declares that this section is a  
 15      state law within the meaning of section 411(d) of the “Personal  
 16      Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996”  
 17      (8 U.S.C. s.1621(d)).

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

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

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 34      2.   This act shall take effect immediately and first apply to the  
 35      **【2017-2018】** 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.