

# SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 765**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 2018

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 765.

Under current law, the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) may pursue, without a court order, a variety of means to collect on a defaulted student loan made pursuant to the New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program. This bill would require HESAA to obtain a court order prior to pursuing the following collection efforts on a defaulted NJCLASS loan: offsetting a State income tax refund or State lottery prize winnings; initiating wage garnishment; or suspending an occupational or professional license.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.