

SENATE, No. 2055

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Permits incarcerated persons to receive student financial aid.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/6/2018)

1 AN ACT concerning student financial aid and amending
2 N.J.S.18A:71B-2.

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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. N.J.S.18A:71B-2 is amended to read as follows:

8 18A:71B-2. a. A student who is enrolled in an eligible
9 institution and who is eligible for and receives any form of student
10 financial aid through a program administered by the State under this
11 chapter shall be considered to remain domiciled in New Jersey and
12 eligible for continued financial assistance notwithstanding the fact
13 that the student is financially dependent upon the student's parents
14 or guardians and that the parents or guardians change their domicile
15 to another State.

16 b. A person shall not be awarded financial aid under this
17 chapter unless the person has been a resident of this State for a
18 period of not less than 12 months immediately prior to receiving the
19 financial aid.

20 c. A person shall not be awarded student financial aid under
21 this chapter unless the person is a United States citizen or eligible
22 noncitizen, as determined under 20 U.S.C.s.1091. The authority
23 shall determine whether persons who were eligible noncitizens prior
24 to the effective date of the "Personal Responsibility and Work
25 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996," Pub.L.104-193, but not
26 after that date, shall continue to be eligible for student financial aid
27 under this chapter.

28 d. A person who is incarcerated shall **[not]** be eligible for
29 student financial aid under this chapter.

30 (cf: N.J.S.18A:71B-2)

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill would eliminate the statutory provision prohibiting
38 persons who are incarcerated from receiving State student grants
39 and scholarships. An incarcerated person would be subject to the
40 same statutes and regulations governing the receipt of a grant or
41 scholarship through a State-administered program as are all other
42 applicants for this aid.

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.