

ASSEMBLY, No. 3628

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires parent to provide completed financial aid application to Higher Education Student Assistance Authority if parent's dependent applies to State for student financial aid.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for student financial aid and
2 supplementing chapter 71B of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. In the event that a student who is enrolled in or planning
9 to enroll in an institution of higher education in the State is
10 considered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to
11 be a dependent of his parent, and the student seeks to apply for any
12 student financial aid programs offered by the federal or State
13 government, the student's parent shall provide the Higher Education
14 Student Assistance Authority with a completed financial aid
15 application.

16 b. Each institution of higher education shall notify the
17 executive director of the Higher Education Student Assistance
18 Authority of all students who report that their parent has refused to
19 provide information to complete a financial aid application in
20 accordance with subsection a. of this section. The executive
21 director shall send written notification to those parents that failure
22 to submit a completed financial aid application on behalf of a
23 dependent will result in the assessment of a civil penalty pursuant to
24 subsection c. of this section.

25 c. Any person who willfully fails to disclose information
26 required pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be subject to
27 a civil penalty of not more than \$500 which shall be collected in
28 proceedings in accordance with the "Penalty Enforcement Law of
29 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

30 d. (1) Any civil penalty collected pursuant to subsection c. of
31 this section shall be conveyed to the authority to transfer to the
32 student's account at the institution of higher education at which the
33 student is enrolled or is planning to enroll.

34 (2) In the event that a student does not enroll, or is no longer
35 enrolled, at an institution of higher education at the time a civil
36 penalty is collected pursuant to subsection c. of this section, the
37 civil penalty shall be made available to the authority for the
38 purposes of student assistance programs administered by the
39 authority.

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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44 STATEMENT

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46 This bill provides that in the event that a student who is enrolled
47 in or planning to enroll in an institution of higher education in the
48 State is considered by the Higher Education Student Assistance

1 Authority to be a dependent of his parent, and the student seeks to
2 apply for any student financial aid programs offered by the federal or
3 State government, the student's parent must provide the Higher
4 Education Student Assistance Authority with a completed financial
5 aid application. The bill requires an institution of higher education to
6 notify the executive director of the Higher Education Student
7 Assistance Authority of all students who report that their parent has
8 refused to provide information to complete a financial aid application.
9 The executive director is also required to send written notification to
10 those parents that failure to submit a completed financial aid
11 application on behalf of a dependent will result in the assessment of a
12 civil penalty.

13 Under the bill, any person who willfully fails to disclose
14 information required pursuant to the bill's provisions will be subject
15 to a civil penalty of not more than \$500, to be collected in
16 proceedings in accordance with the "Penalty Enforcement Law of
17 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.). The bill further
18 provides that any such civil penalty collected will be conveyed to
19 the authority to transfer to the student's account at the institution of
20 higher education at which the student is enrolled or is planning to
21 enroll. In the event that a student does not enroll, or is no longer
22 enrolled, at an institution of higher education at the time a civil penalty
23 is collected, the civil penalty will be made available to the authority
24 for the purposes of student assistance programs administered by the
25 authority.