

**SENATE, No. 3569**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires public institutions of higher education to waive tuition and fees for Medal of Honor and Purple Heart Medal military recipients.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning tuition and fees for certain military service  
2 members attending public institutions of higher education and  
3 supplementing chapter 62 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
4 Statutes.

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. a. As used in this section:

10 "Service member" means an individual who is serving on active  
11 duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a  
12 Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard.

13 "Veteran" means an individual who served on active duty in the  
14 Armed Forces of the United States, a Reserve component thereof, or  
15 the National Guard, and who was honorably discharged or released  
16 under honorable circumstances from active service.

17 b. A public institution of higher education shall waive the  
18 tuition and fees of that institution for any service member or veteran  
19 living in New Jersey who is the recipient of a Medal of Honor or  
20 Purple Heart Medal provided that the service member or veteran  
21 has:

22 (1) been accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study and  
23 is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that  
24 institution; and

25 (2) applied for all available State student grants and scholarships  
26 and all available federal student grants and scholarships for which  
27 the service member or veteran is eligible.

28 The service member or veteran shall be permitted to attend  
29 regularly-scheduled courses at the institution and receive up to 16  
30 credits per semester tuition-free for a maximum of eight semesters.

31 c. A service member or veteran shall demonstrate eligibility for  
32 waived tuition and fees in a manner and by a date determined by the  
33 governing board of the public institution of higher education.

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35 2. This act shall take effect in the first full academic year  
36 following the date of enactment.

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39 STATEMENT

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41 This bill requires public institutions of higher education to waive  
42 the tuition and fees for any service member or veteran living in  
43 New Jersey who is the recipient of a Medal of Honor or Purple  
44 Heart Medal provided that the service member or veteran has:

45 (1) been accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study and  
46 is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that  
47 institution; and

1       (2) applied for all available State student grants and scholarships  
2 and all available federal student grants and scholarships for which  
3 the service member or veteran is eligible.

4       The service member or veteran is permitted to attend regularly-  
5 scheduled courses at the institution and receive up to 16 credits per  
6 semester tuition-free for a maximum of eight semesters.

7       Under the bill, a service member or veteran will demonstrate  
8 eligibility for waived tuition and fees in a manner and by a date  
9 determined by the governing board of the public institution of  
10 higher education.