

ASSEMBLY, No. 871

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Assemblyman BLEE

1 AN ACT concerning tuition assistance for certain individuals and
2 amending P.L.1979, c.229.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.1979, c.229 (C.18A:71-77) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. Any child or surviving spouse of a member or officer of a New
10 Jersey volunteer fire company, volunteer first aid or rescue squad or
11 municipal fire, police, county police or park police department, State
12 Fire Service, or of the Division of State Police, or of a permanent,
13 active and full-time officer employee of this State or any political
14 subdivision thereof holding the following titles: State investigator,
15 correction officer, recruit, senior correction officer, sergeant,
16 lieutenant, captain, correction officer duty keeper, court attendant and
17 sheriff's officer, court attendant and sheriff's officer lieutenant, court
18 attendant and sheriff's officer captain, court attendant and sheriff's
19 officer deputy chief, prosecutor's detective, prosecutor's investigator,
20 narcotics officer, marine patrolman, senior marine patrolman, principal
21 marine patrolman, chief, bureau of marine law enforcement, or who is
22 an inspector, assistant, technician, supervisor or superintendent with
23 respect to the enforcement and regulation of weights and measures, or
24 civil defense or disaster control worker, which member, officer or
25 worker was killed in the performance of his duties as a member of such
26 company, squad or fire or police department or division, or worker in
27 a civil defense or disaster control unit, upon such child or surviving
28 spouse being accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study in
29 any public institution of higher education of this State, as enumerated
30 in N.J.S.18A:62-1, shall, while enrolled as an undergraduate student
31 in good standing at such college, have his tuition paid by the State; or
32 upon that child or surviving spouse being accepted to pursue a course

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 of undergraduate study at any independent college or university
2 located in the State, shall, while enrolled as an undergraduate student
3 in good standing at that college or university, have that part of his
4 tuition which is not more than the highest tuition charged at the public
5 institutions of higher education of this State, enumerated in
6 N.J.S.18A:62-1, paid by the State.

7 Eligibility for this program shall be limited to a period of [8] 12
8 years from the date of death of the member, officer or worker, in the
9 case of a surviving spouse, and 8 years following graduation from high
10 school, in the case of a child, pursuant to rules and regulations
11 established by the Student Assistance Board.

12 (cf: P.L.1983, c.4, s.1)

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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19 This bill extends the time limit, from 8 years to 12 years, in which
20 the surviving spouse of a member or officer killed in the line of duty
21 is eligible to attend any institution of higher education in the State,
22 tuition-free.

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Extends the time limit for tuition-free benefits for widows.