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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen **AZZOLINA, GEIST, Carroll, Malone, Cohen, Corodemus, Rocco, Roma, Dalton, Blee** and Assemblywoman **J. Smith**

1 AN ACT concerning certain students at New Jersey institutions of
2 higher education and supplementing chapter 62 of Title 18A of the
3 New Jersey 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 student who is a member of the New Jersey National Guard
9 or of the Reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United
10 States, and who is unable to complete a course or courses at a New
11 Jersey institution of higher education because the student is called to
12 partial or full mobilization for State or federal active duty, shall be
13 entitled to receive a grade in each course for which the student has
14 completed a minimum of eight weeks' attendance and all other
15 academic requirements during that period. The grade shall be based
16 upon the work which the student had completed up to the time when
17 the student was called to active service.

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19 2. Any student who has not completed a minimum of eight weeks'
20 attendance and all other academic requirements during that period in
21 a course or who does not wish to receive a grade on the basis provided
22 for in section 1 of this act shall be entitled to receive: a. a grade of
23 incomplete in that course which shall remain valid for a period of one
24 year after the date on which the student returns to study at the
25 institution; b. a grade of pass/fail in that course; or c. a refund of
26 tuition and fees for that course.

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28 3. Any student who has paid room, board, or other fees to the
29 institution shall be entitled to a refund of the portion of those charges
30 attributable to the time period in which the facilities or services were
31 not used by the student.

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33 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the
34 1995-96 academic year and thereafter.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill provides that students who are members of the New Jersey
4 National Guard or of the Reserve component of the Armed Forces of
5 the United States who are called to partial or full mobilization for
6 State or federal active duty while attending a New Jersey institution of
7 higher education are entitled to certain options for course credit or fee
8 refunds. Students who have been in attendance for a minimum of eight
9 weeks shall be entitled to receive a grade in each course based upon
10 the work completed up to the time of active service. Students who
11 have not completed a minimum of eight weeks or do not wish to
12 receive a grade are entitled to receive a grade of incomplete which
13 shall remain valid for one year; a grade of pass/fail; or a refund of
14 tuition and fees. Students who have paid room and board or other
15 fees shall be entitled to a refund based on the amount of time the
16 facilities or services remained unused by the student.

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21 Establishes certain rights for students attending New Jersey
22 institutions of higher education who are mobilized for State or federal
23 active duty.