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1 AN ACT concerning tuition bills of public institutions of higher
2 education, supplementing chapter 62 of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes and repealing P.L.1995, c.63.

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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. The governing body of a public institution of higher education
9 shall not allow funds for the support of any organization to be assessed
10 on student tuition bills by means of a negative check-off fee.

11 As used in this section, "negative check-off fee" means a
12 separately-listed fee which is automatically included in the total
13 amount due but which the payor is permitted to decline to pay by so
14 indicating on the bill.

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16 2. P.L.1995, c.63 (C.18A:62-22) is repealed.

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18 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
19 tuition bills for the 196-97 school year.

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STATEMENT

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24 This bill would prohibit the governing body of a public institution
25 of higher education from allowing funds for the support of any
26 organization to be assessed on student tuition bills by means of a
27 negative check-off fee. A "negative check-off fee" is defined as a
28 separately-listed fee which is automatically included in the total
29 amount due but which the payor is permitted to decline to pay by so
30 indicating on the bill. The principal problem with a negative check-off
31 fee is that it causes confusion because it is not obvious to the payor
32 that the fee is waivable. The bill repeals P.L.1995, c.63
33 (C.18A:62-22) which prohibits public institutions of higher education
34 from allowing funds for legislative agents or organizations which

1 attempt to influence legislation from being assessed on student tuition
2 bills by means of a negative check-off.

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7 Prohibits public institutions of higher education from allowing funds
8 for any organization to be assessed on student tuition bills by means
9 of a negative check-off fee.