

STATEMENT TO

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SENATE, No. 1330

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator BUBBA)

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These amendments provide that a student at a New Jersey public institution of higher education who is unable to complete a course because the student is called to partial or full mobilization for State or federal active duty as a member of the National Guard or a Reserve Component of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be entitled to certain options with respect to the student's grade for the course. A student who has completed at least eight weeks of attendance in a course may choose to receive a letter grade, a grade of pass or fail, or a grade of incomplete or to withdraw from the course. A student who has completed less than eight weeks of attendance in a course may choose to receive a grade of incomplete or to withdraw from the course. A letter grade or a grade of pass will only be awarded if, in the opinion of the faculty member teaching the course, the student has completed sufficient work, and there is sufficient evidence of progress toward meeting the requirements of the course, to justify the grade. A grade of incomplete will remain valid for one year after the student returns to school. A student who receives a grade of pass or fail may, within one year of returning to school, receive a letter grade for the course by completing the work required for the course. The letter grade will replace the grade of pass or fail. A student who withdraws from a course will receive a refund of tuition and fees attributable to that course. Amounts paid by a student for room, board or fees will be refunded on a pro rata basis.

Prior to amendment, the bill provided that: a mobilized student who completed at least eight weeks of a course would be entitled to a grade based on the work completed; and a student who completed less than eight weeks, or who did not want a grade based on the work completed, could receive an incomplete (good for one year after returning to school), a grade of pass or fail, or a refund of tuition and fees.