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SYNOPSIS

Requires financial aid award letter provided by institutions of higher education and certain proprietary schools be consistent with financial aid shopping sheet.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Higher Education Committee with technical review.



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AN ACT concerning student financial aid and supplementing
 P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-1 et al.).

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

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1. a. In the event that a public or independent institution of
higher education or a proprietary institution licensed to offer
academic degrees provides a financial aid award letter to a student,
the financial aid award letter shall:

(1) be presented in a manner, and in such language, that is
substantially similar to that which is used in, and uses terms as
defined in, the financial aid shopping sheet provided to students
pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.201 (C.18A:3B-6b);

15 (2) clearly display the estimated net cost to attend the 16 institution;

(3) clearly differentiate a student's eligibility for loans from a
student's eligibility for other forms of financial aid, including
grants and scholarships; and

(4) include a clear statement that the acceptance or decline of
one or more loan offers shall not impact a student's eligibility for
any other grants or scholarships detailed in the student's financial
aid award letter.

b. A student enrolled in a public or independent institution of higher education or a proprietary institution licensed to offer academic degrees shall be ineligible to receive any form of student assistance from the State, including grants, scholarships, and loans, in the event that the institution or school fails to meet the requirements established pursuant to subsection a. of this section, as determined by the Secretary of Higher Education.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
33 financial aid award letters that will be sent in the 2022-2023
34 academic year.