

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1023**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1023.

This bill removes expected family contribution from the calculation of student financial need for the circumstances in which a public institution of higher education may reduce a student's institutional financial aid.

Current law defines financial need as a student's cost of attendance minus a student's expected family contribution. This bill would remove expected family contribution from the calculation of financial need.

Current law provides that a public institution of higher education may only reduce a student's institutional financial aid, as a result of the awarding of private scholarships to the student, under certain circumstances. One of the circumstances in which an institution could reduce institutional aid under the law is if a student's total financial aid from all sources exceeds the student's financial need. Pursuant to the bill, the institution may only reduce the student's institutional financial aid until the student's total financial aid no longer exceeds the student's financial need.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 1023 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4814, which was also reported by the committee on this date.