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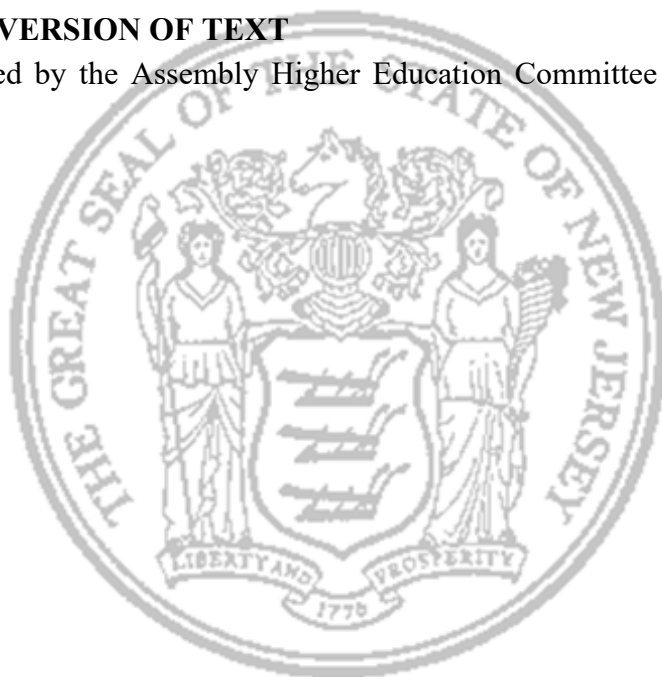
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SYNOPSIS

Requires public institution of higher education to adopt withdrawal policy permitting refund for certain extenuating circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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



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1 **AN ACT** concerning withdrawal policies at public institutions of
2 higher education and supplementing chapter 62 of Title 18A of
3 the 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. A public institution of higher education shall adopt a
9 policy to permit a student to withdraw for an extenuating
10 circumstance and receive a refund.

11 b. The policy shall:

12 (1) define “extenuating circumstance,” which shall include, but
13 is not limited to: illness; injury; hospitalization; and mental health
14 and wellness;

15 (2) include a provision to refund tuition and fees paid by the
16 student for the semester in which the student withdraws if the
17 extenuating circumstances inhibit the student’s ability to acquire an
18 education at the institution;

19 (3) establish criteria to determine whether a student’s ability to
20 acquire an education has been inhibited by an extenuating
21 circumstance;

22 (4) include a provision that any student who withdraws in
23 compliance with the policy and who has paid amounts for room,
24 board, or fees is entitled to a refund of the portion of those charges
25 attributable to the time period during which the facilities or services
26 were not used by the student; and

27 (5) explain that any refund payable to a student who is a
28 financial aid recipient or State aid recipient is subject to the
29 applicable State and federal laws and regulations regarding refunds.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
32 the first full academic year following the date of enactment.