

Title 30.
Chapter 4C.
Article VIII. (New)
Statewide Tuition
Waiver Program.
§§1-5 -
C.30:4C-101
to 30:4C-105

P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 132, *approved July 17, 2003*
Assembly, No. 2428 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT creating the "Statewide Tuition Waiver Program" for certain
2 students under the care or custody of the State and supplementing
3 P.L.1951, c.138 (C.30:4C-1 et seq.).
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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. As used in this act:
9 "Tuition" means the charges imposed by a New Jersey public
10 institution of higher education or county vocational school providing
11 post-secondary vocational education, for enrollment at the institution
12 or school.
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14 2. There is created in the Department of Human Services the
15 "Statewide Tuition Waiver Program." The purpose of the program is
16 to provide State-paid tuition to children who have been under the care
17 and custody of the Division of Youth and Family Services pursuant to
18 section 11 of P.L.1951, c.138 (C.30:4C-11), and who are interested
19 in pursuing a college or post-secondary vocational education at a
20 public institution of higher education or county vocational school in
21 this State.
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23 3. a. A child shall be eligible to qualify for the program if the child
24 meets the following requirements ¹at the time of the initial application
25 to the Commissioner of Human Services for a tuition waiver pursuant
26 to subsection b. of this section¹:

27 (1) the child is ¹[18] 16¹ to 23 years of age;

28 (2) the child:

29 (a) ¹[was in a foster care placement supervised by the Division of
30 Youth and Family Services in the Department of Human Services that
31 was terminated once the child reached the age of 18; or

32 (b) is or has been residing in an independent living arrangement
33 operated or approved for payment by the division] has been in the

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AFW committee amendments adopted November 25, 2002.

² Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted February 3, 2003.

1 care and custody of the Division of Youth and Family Services in the
2 Department of Human Services for a period of nine months or more
3 following the child's sixteenth birthday;

4 (b) is or has been residing in an independent living arrangement, or
5 a transitional living program established pursuant to P.L.1999, c.224
6 (C.9:12A-2 et seq.), operated or approved for payment by the division;
7 or

8 (c) is or has been residing in a transitional living program located
9 in the State of New Jersey and approved for payment by the federal
10 government pursuant to the federal "Runaway and Homeless Youth
11 Act," Title III of Pub.L.93-415 (42 U.S.C.A. s.5701 et seq.)¹;

12 (3) the child has received a high school diploma or a certificate of
13 high school equivalency; and

14 (4) the child has been granted admission to a New Jersey public
15 institution of higher education or county vocational school.

16 b. A child who meets the eligibility requirements listed in this
17 section may apply to the Commissioner of Human Services for a
18 tuition waiver in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner.

19 c. Upon receipt of an application, the Commissioner of Human
20 Services shall review the application and if the child meets the program
21 eligibility requirements, the commissioner shall approve the application
22 and notify the appropriate New Jersey public institution of higher
23 education or county vocational school that the child qualifies for a
24 tuition waiver.

25 d. Eligibility for the program shall be limited to five years
26 ¹[following graduation from high school or the receipt of a certificate
27 of high school equivalency] from the date the child applied to the
28 Commissioner of Human Services for a tuition waiver pursuant to
29 subsection b. of this section¹.

30 e. Each child approved for the program shall be required to enroll
31 in a full-time degree, ¹diploma or certificate¹ program or course of
32 undergraduate study and ¹[make satisfactory progress toward the
33 completion of an academic degree] ²[remain in good academic
34 standing] retain satisfactory academic progress² during the time the
35 child qualifies for a tuition waiver¹.

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37 4. ²[Upon receiving approval for a tuition waiver pursuant to
38 subsection c. of section 3 of this act, the child] The applicant² shall
39 complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to determine
40 the level of need and eligibility for State and federal financial aid
41 programs. If the sum of the tuition waiver plus other federal, State
42 and institutional student financial assistance, except loans, exceeds the
43 total cost of the child's tuition, the tuition waiver shall be reduced by
44 the amount exceeding that cost.

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46 5. Subject to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410

1 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Commissioner of Human Services, in
2 consultation with the ²[New Jersey Commission on Higher
3 Education] Higher Education Student Assistance Authority², shall
4 adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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6 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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11 Creates "Statewide Tuition Waiver Program" for certain students
12 under care and custody of DYFS.