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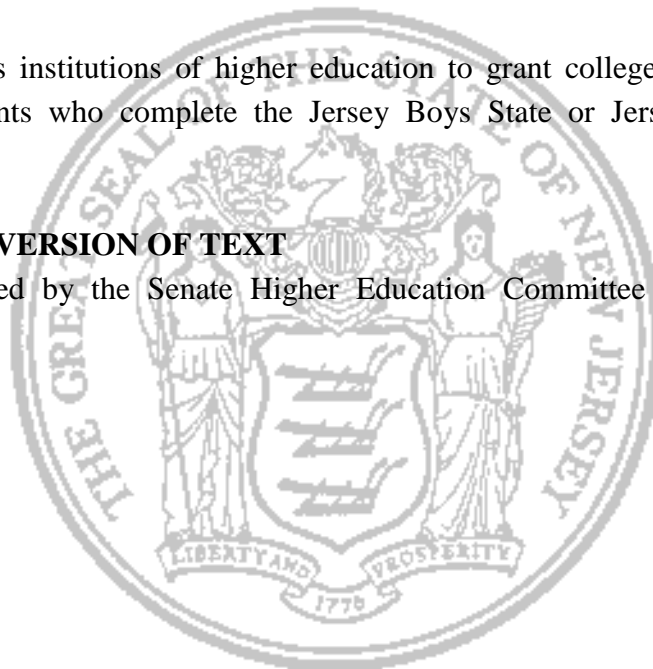
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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes institutions of higher education to grant college credit to high school students who complete the Jersey Boys State or Jersey Girls State program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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



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1 AN ACT concerning college credit for certain high school students
2 and supplementing chapter 61C of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 a. An important way to assure the survival of our republic is to
10 imbue American youth with the ideals and objectives of our
11 government, educate them on the privileges and responsibilities of
12 citizenship, and instill in them a sense of the sacrifices made by the
13 nation's veterans to preserve our nation and way of life;

14 b. The American Legion Jersey Boys State program, founded
15 in 1935 and active in New Jersey since 1946, and the American
16 Legion Auxiliary Jersey Girls State program, founded in 1947, each
17 strive to develop good citizenship by encouraging the youth of New
18 Jersey to take a more active interest in the operation of State and
19 national government and in the privileges and responsibilities of
20 citizenship;

21 c. The Jersey Boys State program and the Jersey Girls State
22 program provide a college-level curriculum to a select group of
23 high school juniors, or delegates, who complete an intensive,
24 weeklong governmental leadership program in which delegates
25 create, elect, and administer their own government; and

26 d. Participation in the Jersey Boys State and Jersey Girls State
27 programs should be encouraged so as to promote a greater
28 understanding of the American system of government and a
29 continued civic participation and commitment to governmental
30 leadership and activism by young people in our State.

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32 2. A high school student who participates in the Jersey Boys
33 State or Jersey Girls State program may be eligible to receive,
34 pursuant to section 3 of this act, up to three college credits upon
35 enrollment at a public or independent institution of higher education
36 located in the State for successful completion of the Boys State or
37 Girls State program.

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39 3. a. A public or independent institution of higher education
40 may award, pursuant to regulations established by the Secretary of
41 Higher Education, up to three credits to a regularly admitted student
42 who successfully completed the Jersey Boys State or Jersey Girls
43 State program.

44 b. The Secretary of Higher Education shall encourage public
45 and independent institutions of higher education to award credit in
46 accordance with the provisions of subsection a. of this section.

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1 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed to require any public
2 or independent institution of higher education to admit a student or
3 to waive its admission standards and application procedures.

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5 5. This act shall take effect immediately.