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SYNOPSIS

Provides tuition fee waiver apprenticeship courses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on January 17, 2019, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning apprenticeship tuition fees and supplementing
2 chapter 62 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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7 1. As used in this act:

8 “Eligible person” means an individual whose gross aggregate
9 household income at the time of admission to a New Jersey public
10 institution of higher education or county vocational school
11 providing post-secondary vocational education is below the State
12 household median income.

13 “Gross aggregate household income” means the total annual
14 income of all members of a household, from whatever source
15 derived, including, but not limited to, pension, annuity, retirement
16 and Social Security benefits received during the taxable year.

17 “Registered apprenticeship” means an apprenticeship in a
18 program providing to each trainee combined classroom and on-the-
19 job training under the direct and close supervision of a highly
20 skilled worker in an occupation recognized as an apprenticeable
21 trade, and registered by the Office of Apprenticeship of the United
22 States Department of Labor and meeting the standards established
23 by that office.

24 “State household median income” means the point that divides
25 the gross aggregate household income distribution into halves, one-
26 half with income above the median and the other with income
27 below the median ¹as determined by the United States Census
28 Bureau American Community Survey¹. The median is based on the
29 income distribution of all households, including those with no
30 income in the State.

31 “Tuition” means the charges imposed by a New Jersey public
32 institution of higher education or county vocational school
33 providing post-secondary vocational education for enrollment at the
34 institution or school.

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36 2. a. An eligible person shall be permitted to attend ²[regularly-
37 scheduled] , tuition-free,² courses ²available² at any public institution
38 of higher education or county vocational school ²[and to receive a
39 certification of completion] which are qualified to serve as the
40 classroom training or education component² of a registered
41 apprenticeship ¹[as defined in section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
42 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)]¹ ²[tuition-free] program
43 in which the person is participating as a registered apprentice² if:

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SLA committee amendments adopted December 3, 2018.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted January 17, 2019.

- 1 (1) ¹the person has been in the labor workforce for at least six
2 months;
- 3 (2) ¹ tuition costs are not covered by an employer through
4 employment benefits;
- 5 ¹[(3)] (2) ¹ the person completes a Free Application for Federal
6 Student Aid each year within the established deadlines and has
7 exhausted all financial aid assistance; and
- 8 ¹[(4)] (3) ¹ the person ²retains employment as an active registered
9 apprentice under the registered apprenticeship program and ² maintains
10 satisfactory academic progress to qualify for renewal of the tuition
11 waiver.
- 12 b. The State shall reimburse a public institution of higher
13 education or county vocational school for the tuition cost of each
14 eligible person who enrolls in the institution pursuant to the provisions
15 of this section.
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- 17 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
18 the first full academic year following the date of enactment.