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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to pay advanced placement examination fees for certain students and the State to reimburse school districts for the cost.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning advanced placement examination fees for
2 certain public school students and supplementing chapter 35 of
3 Title 18A of 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. As used in this section:

9 “Advanced placement course” means a course aligned with the
10 course descriptions provided by the College Board and intended to
11 provide students with the opportunity to complete college level
12 studies during secondary school; and

13 “Advanced placement examination” means the advanced
14 placement examination conducted by the College Board, on the
15 basis of which participating institutions of higher education award
16 academic credit to a high school student who has completed an
17 advanced placement course.

18 b. A school district shall pay advanced placement examination
19 fees for public high school students from households with a
20 household income at or below the most recent federal poverty
21 guidelines multiplied by 1.85 that are not funded under the federal
22 Advanced Placement Test Fee Program or by the College Board.

23 c. A school district shall pay advanced placement examination
24 fees for public high school students from households with a
25 household income above the most recent federal poverty guidelines
26 multiplied by 1.85, but at or below the most recent federal poverty
27 guidelines multiplied by 3.70.

28 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections b. and c. of
29 this section to the contrary, the amount paid by a school district for
30 an advanced placement examination fee shall not exceed the amount
31 that would to be paid by a school district for such fee on the
32 effective date of this act.

33 e. The State shall reimburse each school district for the cost of
34 the advanced placement examination fees paid by the school district
35 pursuant to subsections b. and c. of this section.

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be first
38 applicable to the 2016-2017 school year.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill requires a school district to pay the advanced placement
44 examination fees for certain students attending public high schools,
45 starting with the 2016-2017 school year.

46 According to the College Board, the Department of Education
47 currently receives federal funds to pay \$45 of the \$89 advanced
48 placement examination fee for students with a household income at

1 or below the most recent federal poverty guidelines multiplied by
2 1.85, who are residents of New Jersey, and qualify for a \$26 per
3 examination College Board fee reduction. If a student qualifies,
4 then the \$8 school processing fee is waived, leaving the student
5 with a cost of \$10 per examination. Under the bill, the school
6 district will pay the \$10 examination fee for those students. The
7 household income for a family of four under the household income
8 standard established in the bill for these students would not exceed
9 \$43,567.50 in calendar year 2013. This is the same standard
10 established for student eligibility for free and reduced priced lunch.

11 In the case of a student with a household income greater than
12 1.85 multiplied by the federal poverty guidelines, but less than 3.70
13 multiplied by the federal poverty guidelines, the school district will
14 pay the entire examination fee. In the case of these students, for a
15 household of four, the income guidelines would not exceed \$87,135
16 in calendar year 2013.

17 The bill further provides that the State will reimburse a school
18 district for the cost of the advanced placement examination fees
19 paid by the school district. The amount paid by a school district for
20 an advanced placement examination fee may not exceed the amount
21 that would be paid by a school for such fee on the effective date of
22 this act.