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SYNOPSIS

Amends Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations act to include number of degrees awarded to veterans in Outcomes-Based Allocation funding for senior public institutions of higher education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** amending the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations act,
2 P.L.2019, c.150.

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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. The following language provision in section 1 of P.L.2019,
8 c.150, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2020, is
9 amended to read as follows:

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11 **74 DEPARTMENT OF STATE**
12 **30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development**
13 **36 Higher Educational Services**
14 **Higher Educational Services**
15 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

16 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the
17 contrary, the amounts hereinabove appropriated for the Outcomes-
18 Based Allocation program in each of the senior public institutions
19 of higher education shall be allocated and distributed to eligible
20 senior public institutions based on a funding rationale that takes
21 into consideration: (1) the total number of degrees awarded by the
22 institution, (2) the number of degrees awarded by the institution to
23 individuals from underrepresented ethnic and racial minority
24 groups, **【and】** (3) the percentage of students at the institution who
25 qualify for need-based financial aid awards at the State and federal
26 levels, and (4) the number of degrees awarded by the institution to
27 veterans; provided, however, that institutions receiving awards
28 shall be required to: (1) commit to the principles of the State Plan
29 for Higher Education, (2) adopt a Financial Aid Shopping Sheet
30 for all undergraduate students, (3) participate in good faith
31 discussions led by the Secretary of Higher Education to improve
32 future distribution of funding to institutions consistent with State
33 priorities, (4) share program-level spending information to assist in
34 the distribution of future funding, and (5) such other requirements
35 determined to be appropriate by the Secretary of Higher Education,
36 subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget
37 and Accounting. Of the amounts hereinabove appropriated for
38 the Outcomes-Based Allocation program in each of the senior
39 public institutions of higher education, the Director of the
40 Division of Budget and Accounting may transfer such amounts
41 among the senior public institutions of higher education as are
42 determined to be necessary to effectuate the funding rationale
43 for the Outcomes-Based Allocation program.

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45 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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.

STATEMENT

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 appropriations act includes a total of \$35 million in Outcomes-Based Allocation grants to each of the senior public institutions of higher education in the State.

A language provision in the FY 2020 appropriations act stipulates that the Outcomes-Based Allocation grant for each institution is based on a funding rationale that takes into consideration the total number of degrees awarded by the institution, the number of degrees awarded to individuals from underrepresented ethnic and racial minority groups, and the percentage of students at the institution who qualify for State and federal needs-based financial aid awards. In practice, each institution's FY 2020 Outcomes-Based Allocation is a proportional share of \$35 million equal to its percentage of all institutions' number of degrees awarded in FY 2018, its number of degrees awarded to individuals from underrepresented ethnic and racial minority backgrounds in FY 2018, and its number of federal Pell Grant recipients in the 2017-2018 academic year.

This bill would amend the language provision related to the Outcomes-Based Allocation program to include the number of degrees awarded to veterans as a factor in the funding rationale. The bill also provides that, of the amounts appropriated for the Outcomes-Based Allocation program in each of the senior public institutions of higher education, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting may transfer such amounts among the senior public institutions of higher education as are determined to be necessary to effectuate the funding rationale for the Outcomes-Based Allocation program.