

ASSEMBLY, No. 1746

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Directs Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to grant deferment of New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) student loan payments to new parent.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the New Jersey College Loans to Assist State
2 Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program and supplementing chapter
3 71C of 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. In the event that an eligible student borrower under the
9 NJCLASS Loan Program becomes a parent, the authority shall
10 grant a deferment of payment of loan principal and interest for a
11 period of 12 weeks. To qualify for the loan deferment, the student
12 borrower shall provide the authority with proof of the child's birth
13 or adoption within 120 days of the birth or adoption. The deferment
14 shall begin on the date that the student borrower's proof of the
15 child's birth or adoption is received by the authority and shall end
16 12 weeks after that date. Interest on the loan shall not accrue
17 during the period of deferment.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 borrower under the NJCLASS Loan Program becomes a parent, the
26 Higher Education Student Assistance Authority will be required to
27 grant a deferment of payment of loan principal and interest for a
28 period of 12 weeks. To qualify for the loan deferment, the student
29 borrower must provide the authority with proof of the child's birth
30 or adoption within 120 days of the birth or adoption. The bill
31 provides that the deferment will begin on the date that the student
32 borrower's proof of the child's birth or adoption is received by the
33 authority and will end 12 weeks after that date. Interest on the loan
34 will not accrue during the period of deferment.