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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits institutions of higher education from requiring students who have children to purchase meal plans, live in on-campus housing, or pay gym fees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning certain students enrolled in institutions of
2 higher education and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of
3 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. An institution of higher education shall not require any student
9 enrolled in the institution who has full or partial custody of a child to:
10 a. purchase a meal plan;
11 b. reside in on-campus housing except when required as a
12 condition of entry into a residential cohort or access program or as a
13 condition of receipt of a scholarship; or
14 c. pay any fees associated with the use of a campus gym, fitness
15 center, or other recreational facility, as long as the fee is not associated
16 with fees for other campus services including, but not limited to,
17 transportation. The institution shall not be required to allow a student
18 to use the campus gym, fitness center, or other recreational facility if
19 the associated fees are not paid.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply in
22 the first full academic year beginning after the effective date of this
23 act.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill places restrictions on certain requirements that institutions
29 of higher education can impose on students enrolled in the institution
30 who are parents.

31 Under the bill, an institution of higher education in New Jersey
32 may not require any enrolled student who has full or partial custody of
33 a child to: purchase a meal plan; reside in on-campus housing, except
34 when required as a condition of entry into a residential cohort or
35 access program or as a condition of receipt of a scholarship; or pay any
36 fees associated with the use of a campus gym, fitness center, or other
37 recreational facility, as long as the fee is not associated with other
38 campus services fees including, but not limited to, transportation. The
39 institution would not be required to allow a student to use the campus
40 gym, fitness center, or other recreational facility if the associated fees
41 are not paid.