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STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Provides legislative staff with up to 15 credits tuition-free per semester at four-year public institution of higher education on space-available basis.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning tuition benefits for certain students attending
2 four-year public institutions of higher education and
3 supplementing chapter 62 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
4 Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*

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9 1. a. As used in this section, “legislative staff” means all staff,
10 assistants, and employees of the Legislature who receive
11 compensation from the State of New Jersey.

12 b. A legislative staff member shall be permitted to attend
13 regularly-scheduled courses at a four-year public institution of
14 higher education and receive up to 15 credits per semester tuition-
15 free provided that:

16 (1) the legislative staff member has been accepted to pursue:

17 (a) a course of undergraduate study and is enrolled as an
18 undergraduate student in good standing at that institution;

19 (b) a course of graduate study and is enrolled as a graduate
20 student in good standing at that institution; or

21 (c) a course of study leading to a professional degree and is
22 enrolled as a professional degree student in good standing at that
23 institution;

24 (2) the legislative staff member has applied for all available
25 State student grants and scholarships and all available federal
26 student grants and scholarships for which the staff member is
27 eligible; and

28 (3) available classroom space permits and tuition-paying
29 students constitute the minimum number required for the course.

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31 2. This act shall take effect in the first full academic year
32 following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill provides that a legislative staff member is eligible to
38 attend regularly-scheduled courses at a four-year public institution
39 of higher education on a space-available basis and receive up to 15
40 credits per semester tuition-free provided that:

41 • the legislative staff member has been accepted to pursue a
42 course of undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree
43 study and is enrolled as an undergraduate, graduate, or
44 professional degree student in good standing at that
45 institution;

46 • the legislative staff member has applied for all available
47 State and federal student grants and scholarships for which
48 the staff member is eligible; and

1 • available classroom space permits and tuition-paying
2 students constitute the minimum number required for the
3 course.

4 The bill defines “legislative staff” to mean all staff, assistants,
5 and employees of the Legislature who receive compensation from
6 the State of New Jersey.