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SYNOPSIS

Requires State Auditor to conduct audit of fees charged by public institutions of higher education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning audits of public institutions of higher education
2 and supplementing chapter 24 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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 State Auditor shall, as part of his responsibility under
8 R.S.52:24-4, annually conduct an audit of a fee charged by a public
9 institution of higher education, and shall annually issue a report on
10 such fees to the Governor and the Legislature. In conducting the
11 audit, the State Auditor shall select one fee collected by a State
12 college, a public research university, and a county college, and
13 perform an audit of a fee collected by each institution in the prior
14 academic year. Each annual report shall include, but need not be
15 limited to, the following information:

- 16 a. The purpose of the fee, as stated by the public institution;
17 b. The amount collected by the public institution, on a per pupil
18 basis and an aggregate amount; and
19 c. The amount expended on the stated purpose, the amount of
20 any balance remaining at the end of the academic year, and how any
21 remaining balance has been allocated to either reduce the amount of
22 the fee in the subsequent academic year, or has been transferred to
23 be used for another purpose.

24 The State Auditor shall not audit the same fee at the same public
25 institution of higher education in two consecutive academic years,
26 unless the purpose of the subsequent audit is to determine if a
27 public institution of higher education has addressed any concerns
28 raised or recommendations made in the initial audit.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be
31 applicable to the first full academic year following the date of
32 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires the State Auditor to annually audit a fee
38 charged by a State college, a public research university, and a
39 county college, and to submit a report to the Governor and
40 Legislature. The report would include information on: 1) the
41 purpose of the fee; 2) the per pupil and aggregate amount collected;
42 and 3) the amount that has been expended on the stated purpose, the
43 balance remaining at the end of the academic year, and the amount
44 that has been used to decrease the fee in the subsequent academic
45 year or has been used for another purpose.