

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 81, *approved September 14, 2020*
Senate, No. 806

1 **AN ACT** concerning the New Jersey Better Educational Savings
2 Trust (NJBEST) Program and amending N.J.S.18A:71B-42.

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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. N.J.S.18A:71B-42 is amended to read as follows:
8 18A:71B-42. a. An amount of no less than \$500 shall be
9 provided by the State for the qualified higher education expenses of
10 a designated beneficiary at the time of a qualified withdrawal
11 provided that:

12 (1) the contributor demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the
13 authority, that the contributor participated in the program for at
14 least four years by making a qualifying minimum initial deposit or
15 qualifying minimum annual contributions, or both, as shall be
16 determined by the authority, for a designated beneficiary;

17 (2) the designated beneficiary demonstrates, to the satisfaction
18 of the authority, attendance or enrollment in a higher education
19 institution in this State~~],~~ at the time of initial attendance or
20 enrollment in the higher education institution~~];~~ and

21 (3) either the contributor, if an individual, or the designated
22 beneficiary demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the authority, that
23 the contributor or designated beneficiary is a New Jersey resident.

24 b. The amount provided under subsection a. of this section
25 shall meet the requirements of a qualified scholarship within the
26 meaning of section 117 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of
27 1986, 26 U.S.C.s.117, for a designated beneficiary satisfying the
28 requirements of subsection a. of this section.

29 c. A designated beneficiary shall not receive more than one
30 State scholarship provided pursuant to subsection a. of this section.
31 (cf: N.J.S.18A:71B-42)
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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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38 Provides that New Jersey Better Educational Savings Trust
39 (NJBEST) Program scholarship may be awarded in any semester of
40 attendance or enrollment at institution of higher education in State.

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.