

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 82, *approved September 14, 2020*
Senate, No. 960 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for student financial aid and
2 supplementing chapter 71B of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. a. In the event that a student who is enrolled in or planning
9 to enroll in an institution of higher education in the State is
10 considered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to
11 be a dependent of his parent ¹, and the student seeks to apply for
12 any student financial aid programs offered by the federal or State
13 government¹, the student's parent shall provide the Higher
14 Education Student Assistance Authority with a completed financial
15 aid application.

16 b. Each institution of higher education shall notify the
17 executive director of the Higher Education Student Assistance
18 Authority of all students who report that their parent has refused to
19 provide information to complete a financial aid application in
20 accordance with subsection a. of this section. The executive
21 director shall send written notification to those parents that failure
22 to submit a completed financial aid application on behalf of a
23 dependent will result in the assessment of a civil penalty pursuant to
24 subsection c. of this section.

25 c. Any person who willfully fails to disclose information
26 required pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be subject to
27 a civil penalty of not more than \$500 which shall be collected in
28 proceedings in accordance with the "Penalty Enforcement Law of
29 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

30 d. ¹(1)¹ Any civil penalty collected pursuant to subsection c. of
31 this section shall be conveyed to the authority to transfer to the
32 student's account at the institution of higher education at which the
33 student is enrolled or is planning to enroll.

34 ¹(2) In the event that a student does not enroll, or is no longer
35 enrolled, at an institution of higher education at the time a civil
36 penalty is collected pursuant to subsection c. of this section, the
37 civil penalty shall be made available to the authority for the
38 purposes of student assistance programs administered by the
39 authority.¹

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHI committee amendments adopted January 30, 2020.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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6 Requires parent to provide completed financial aid application to
7 Higher Education Student Assistance Authority if parent's
8 dependent applies to State for student financial aid.