

SENATE, No. 960

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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, the student's parent shall provide the
12 Higher Education Student Assistance Authority with a completed
13 financial aid application.

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

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

27 d. Any civil penalty collected pursuant to subsection c. of this
28 section shall be conveyed to the authority to transfer to the student's
29 account at the institution of higher education at which the student is
30 enrolled or is planning to enroll.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill provides that in the event that a student who is enrolled
38 in or planning to enroll in an institution of higher education in the
39 State is considered by the Higher Education Student Assistance
40 Authority to be a dependent of his parent, the student's parent must
41 provide the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority with a
42 completed financial aid application. The bill requires an institution of
43 higher education to notify the executive director of the Higher
44 Education Student Assistance Authority of all students who report that
45 their parent has refused to provide information to complete a financial
46 aid application. The executive director is also required to send written
47 notification to those parents that failure to submit a completed

1 financial aid application on behalf of a dependent will result in the
2 assessment of a civil penalty.

3 Under the bill, any person who willfully fails to disclose
4 information required pursuant to the bill's provisions will be subject
5 to a civil penalty of not more than \$500, to be collected in
6 proceedings in accordance with the "Penalty Enforcement Law of
7 1999," P.L.1999, c.274. (C.2A:58-10 et seq.). The bill further
8 provides that any such civil penalty collected will be conveyed to
9 the authority to transfer to the student's account at the institution of
10 higher education at which the student is enrolled or is planning to
11 enroll.