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SYNOPSIS

Provides free tuition at public institutions of higher education for surviving spouses and dependent children of military personnel killed in performance of duties.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT providing scholarships for dependent children and
2 surviving spouses of military personnel and supplementing
3 chapter 71B of Title 18A of the New Jersey 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. Any resident of New Jersey who is a dependent child or
9 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces
10 who is killed in the performances of his duties, upon being accepted
11 to pursue a course of undergraduate study in a State college or
12 university created pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New
13 Jersey Statutes, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rutgers,
14 The State University, Rowan University, or a county college shall,
15 while enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at the
16 institution, have his tuition paid by the State. The amount of the
17 scholarship shall not exceed an amount equal to the portion of
18 tuition costs at the institution that is not otherwise covered by any
19 other scholarship, tuition aid grant, benefit or other assistance
20 awarded to the recipient under the "Higher Education Student
21 Assistance Authority Law," N.J.S.18A:71A-1 et seq.

22 b. Eligibility for a scholarship, in the case of a surviving spouse,
23 shall be limited to a period of eight years from the date of death of
24 the person for initial receipt of the benefits under the program. In
25 the case of a dependent child, eligibility shall be limited to a period
26 of eight years following graduation from high school.

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28 2. The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall
29 adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative
30 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to
31 carry out the provisions of this act.

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33 3. There shall be annually appropriated to the Higher Education
34 Student Assistance Authority such sums as shall be necessary to
35 carry out the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
36 Legislature as this bill).

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38 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
39 the 2020-2021 academic year.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill provides that any resident of New Jersey who is a
45 dependent child or surviving spouse of a member of the United
46 States Armed Forces who is killed in the performances of his duties,
47 upon being accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study in a
48 State college or university created pursuant to chapter 64 of Title

1 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, the New Jersey Institute of
2 Technology, Rutgers, The State University, Rowan University, or a
3 county college will, while enrolled as an undergraduate student in
4 good standing at the institution, have his tuition paid by the State.
5 The amount of the scholarship may not exceed an amount equal to
6 the portion of tuition costs at the institution that is not otherwise
7 covered by any other State scholarship, tuition aid grant, benefit or
8 other assistance awarded to the recipient.

9 The bill also provides that, in the case of a dependent child,
10 eligibility for the scholarship will be limited to eight years
11 following graduation from high school. A surviving spouse will be
12 eligible for initial receipt of the scholarship for a period of eight
13 years from the date of death of the person.