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SYNOPSIS

Removes Selective Service registration as requirement for eligibility under State student financial aid programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning eligibility for State student financial aid,
2 amending P.L.2001, c.41, and repealing N.J.S.18A:71B-6.

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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. Section 5 of P.L.2001, c.41 (C.18A:71B-24.2) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 5. a. There is created the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial
10 Scholarships Program. These scholarships shall be awarded,
11 pursuant to the provisions of this act, to the children of New Jersey
12 law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. The
13 New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, in but
14 not of the Department of State, and established pursuant to
15 N.J.S.18A:71A-3, shall administer this program.

16 b. Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships shall be
17 awarded annually within the limits of monies in the Law
18 Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund, created pursuant to subsection
19 c. of section 2 of P.L.2001, c.41 (C.39:3-27.123), for undergraduate
20 study leading to a baccalaureate degree or associate degree at any
21 public or private institution of higher education in New Jersey. The
22 amount of any such scholarship shall not exceed an amount equal to
23 the portion of the recipient's cost of attendance at the institution that
24 is not otherwise covered by any other scholarship, tuition aid grant,
25 benefit or other assistance awarded to the recipient under the
26 "Higher Education Student Assistance Authority Law,"
27 N.J.S.18A:71A-1 et seq.

28 c. The scholarships may be renewed annually for up to four
29 years, except that each scholarship shall remain in effect only if the
30 holder of the scholarship remains a full-time student in good
31 standing at the institution and continues to meet the eligibility
32 criteria and guidelines established under this act and regulations
33 promulgated thereto. Selection of recipients may take into account
34 the actual dependency of the recipients, their needs and means, and
35 the pecuniary loss occasioned by reason of the death of their
36 parents.

37 d. **【A student who is subject to the provisions of the "Military**
38 **Selective Service Act," 50 U.S.C. App.453, shall not be eligible to**
39 **receive any scholarship without verification of compliance with the**
40 **requirements of that act.】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.)
41 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

42 e. For the purposes of this act, "law enforcement officer"
43 means a New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time
44 member of any federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement
45 agency, department, or division of those governments who is

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.

1 statutorily empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest,
2 conviction, detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the
3 criminal laws of this State or of the United States and statutorily
4 required to successfully complete a training course approved by the
5 Police Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-
6 66 et seq.), or certified by the commission as being substantially
7 equivalent to an approved course.
8 (cf: P.L.2001, c.41, s.5)

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10 2. N.J.S.18A:71B-6 is repealed.

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12 3. This act shall take effect immediately.
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15 STATEMENT
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17 This bill repeals N.J.S.18A:71B-6, which requires a student who
18 is subject to the provisions of the federal “Military Selective
19 Service Act,” to provide verification of compliance in order to be
20 eligible for State-funded loans, grants, or scholarships. This bill
21 also removes the requirement that students comply with the
22 “Military Selective Service Act” in order to be eligible for
23 scholarships offered under the State’s Law Enforcement Officer
24 Memorial Scholarship Program.

25 In December 2020, Congress amended federal law to eliminate
26 the requirement for male students to register with Selective Service
27 in order to be eligible for federal student financial aid, by enacting
28 the “FAFSA Simplification Act.” The United States Department of
29 Education is implementing this law effective for academic year
30 2021-2022. This bill aligns State student financial aid eligibility
31 requirements with federal financial aid eligibility requirements.