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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes student attending institution of higher education to earn credit towards graduation for serving as poll worker.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning academic credit at institutions of higher
2 education and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New
3 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. The Secretary of Higher Education, in consultation with
9 the Director of the Division of Elections in the Department of State,
10 shall develop guidelines for a program to allow a student enrolled in
11 an institution of higher education to earn one academic credit for an
12 undergraduate degree program for each full day that the student
13 serves as a poll worker during an election held in the State.

14 b. An institution of higher education may award and apply
15 towards an undergraduate degree program one academic credit to an
16 enrolled student for each full day of service that the student serves
17 as a poll worker during an election held in the State. An institution
18 that determines to allow a student to receive academic credit for
19 service as a poll worker, following an evaluation and determination
20 by the institution that the credit is in alignment with the educational
21 and programmatic mission of the institution, shall comply with the
22 guidelines developed pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill directs the Secretary of Higher Education, in
30 consultation with the Director of the Division of Elections in the
31 Department of State, to develop guidelines for a program to allow a
32 student enrolled in an institution of higher education to earn one
33 academic credit for an undergraduate degree program for each full
34 day that the student serves as a poll worker during an election held
35 in the State. Under the bill, an institution may award and apply
36 towards an undergraduate degree program one academic credit to an
37 enrolled student for each full day of service that the student serves
38 as a poll worker during an election held in the State. An institution
39 that determines to allow a student to receive academic credit for
40 service as a poll worker, following an evaluation and determination
41 by the institution that the credit is in alignment with the educational
42 and programmatic mission of the institution, is required to comply
43 with the guidelines developed by the secretary.