

18A:71-26.10 et al

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 18A-71-26.10 et al (Gives Student Assistance Board authority over Garden State Scholarship award amounts)

LAWS OF: 1984

CHAPTER: 94

Bill No: S1763

Sponsor(s): Feldman

Date Introduced: May 14, 1984

Committee: **Assembly:** Revenue, Finance and Appropriations; Higher Education and Regulated Professions

Senate: Education

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Date of Passage: **Assembly:** June 28, 1984

Senate: June 18, 1984

Date of Approval: July 24, 1984

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement: Yes

Committee statement: **Assembly** Yes

Senate Yes

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SENATE, No. 1763

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 14, 1984

By Senator FELDMAN

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT concerning the Garden State Scholarship Program and
amending and supplementing P. L. 1977, c. 345.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 10 of P. L. 1977, c. 345 (C. 18A:71-26.10) is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 10. Each Garden State Scholarship shall entitle the eligible
4 undergraduate [recipient thereof to an award of up to \$500.00 per
5 year and entitle the eligible graduate recipient thereof to an award
6 up to \$4,000.00 per year] *and graduate recipients to an award in an*
7 *amount established by the Student Assistance Board and approved*
8 *by the Board of Higher Education pursuant to section 4 of P. L.*
9 *1977, c. 345 (C. 18A:71-26.4).* Payments under this act shall be made
10 by the State Treasurer on the order of the [chairman of the Student
11 Assistance Board] *Chancellor of Higher Education* in accordance
12 with the rules regulating the same adopted by the board.

1 2. (New section) The Student Assistance Board may designate
2 scholarships for undergraduate study to be awarded directly to
3 secondary school students with records of distinguished academic
4 achievement and promise. These scholarships may be awarded on
5 the basis of indicators of academic merit defined by the board
6 without consideration of financial need.

1 3. (New section) Fiscal resources for the Garden State Scholar-
2 ship program may come from State appropriations, reserve funds
3 designated by the New Jersey Higher Education Assistance Au-
4 thority, or such other sources as are recommended by the State
5 Board of Higher Education.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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 printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

STATEMENT

Scholarships provided under this bill will address two main objectives: (1) to recognize academic achievement and provide an incentive for New Jersey students to excel academically; and (2) to attract New Jersey's best secondary school students to attend New Jersey colleges and universities. To accomplish these objectives the Student Assistance Board is given authority over Garden State Scholarship award amounts, parallel with the authority it now has over Tuition Aid Grant award amounts. Also, the bill provides that funds for the program may come from Higher Education Assistance Authority reserve funds or other sources recommended by the State Board of Higher Education as well as from State appropriations.

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ASSEMBLY REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1763

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 28, 1984

Senate Bill No. 1763 provides that the Student Assistance Board may award merit scholarships for undergraduate study without consideration of financial need.

It also eliminates the statutory limits of \$500.00 for undergraduate and \$4,000.00 for graduate scholarships. The grant amounts will be established by the Student Assistance Board and approved by the Board of Higher Education.

In addition, the bill provides that funds for the scholarship program may come from reserve funds of the Higher Education Assistance Authority, in addition to direct State appropriations.

The Department of Higher Education estimates that 11,275 students will receive undergraduate Garden State Scholarships in FY 1985 with a total appropriation of \$5,000,000.00. This bill does not affect that basic scholarship program.

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND REGULATED
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1763

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 25, 1984

This bill amends and supplements the "Garden State Scholarship Act of 1977" to do the following:

1. Remove the statutory scholarship award limits of \$500.00 per year for undergraduate students and \$4,000.00 per year for graduate students and allow award levels to be established by the Student Assistance Board; and

2. Allow the Student Assistance Board to award scholarships for undergraduate study directly to secondary school students based on academic achievement and merit and without regard to financial need.

Finally, the bill stipulates that the Garden State Scholarship Program may be funded from reserve funds designated by the New Jersey Higher Education Assistance Authority, State appropriations or other sources recommended by the State Board of Higher Education.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1763

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 21, 1984

This bill provides that the Student Assistance Board may award merit scholarships for undergraduate study without consideration of financial need.

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BACKGROUND:

The Garden State Scholarship program was established in 1977 (P. L. 1977, c. 345; C. 18A:71-26.1 et seq.). It replaced the State Competitive Scholarship Program and was intended to complement the Tuition Aid Grant Program established in the same year (P. L. 1977, c. 344). Both the Competitive Scholarship Program and the Garden State Scholarship Program are based on academic merit and financial need.

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Release: TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1984

Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed legislation which amends the Garden State Scholarship Act to create a program to encourage the State's academically gifted students to attend colleges in New Jersey.

The bill, S-1763, is sponsored by State Senator Matthew Feldman, D-Bergen. It is intended to attract New Jersey's top academic talent to State institutions of higher learning by offering scholarships to top high school graduates without consideration of financial need.

"New Jersey already has strong scholarship programs for our needy students to help them attain a college education," Kean said. "I believe it is also important for us to keep our top scholastic talent at home.

"For too long, too many of our best graduating high school seniors have been going out of state to attend college. With this new program, coupled with the great strides we are making in higher education here in New Jersey, I hope we can persuade more of our talented young people to remain in New Jersey and contribute to its future."

Funding for the program comes from the reserves of the New Jersey Higher Education Assistance Authority. The State Student Assistance Board will set award levels and make the scholarship awards, with award levels being approved by the Board of Higher Education. The estimated Fiscal Year 1985 cost of the program is \$1.4 million.

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