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ASSEMBLY, No. 566

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1986 SESSION

By Assemblyman BRYANT

AN ACT to amend the "New Jersey Higher Education Tuition Aid Act," approved February 11, 1969 (P. L. 1968, c. 429).

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

1 1. Section 7 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-47) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 7. A college tuition aid grant shall be awarded annually to each
4 eligible, qualified full-time undergraduate student enrolled in a
5 curriculum leading to a degree or certificate in an institution of
6 collegiate grade in New Jersey approved or licensed by the State
7 Board of Higher Education, or in an institution of collegiate grade
8 in another state, provided that such state permits its residents to
9 utilize its state student financial assistance grants in New Jersey
10 institutions of higher education through reciprocity agreements
11 approved by the Student Assistance Board and the Board of
12 Higher Education. In no event shall a New Jersey tuition aid
13 grant be utilized at an out of [state] State institution which is not
14 licensed by that state and accredited by a regional accrediting as-
15 sociation recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation.

16 (a) Eligibility. To each New Jersey resident enrolled as a full-
17 time student after July 1, 1978 for the academic year beginning in
18 September of 1978 the State shall grant an amount as provided
19 in paragraph (b) of this section [7]. No student shall be eligible for
20 a grant unless he has certified in a form satisfactory to the Student
21 Assistance Board that the grant is essential to his carrying out
22 his plans for attending college. No student shall be eligible for

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.

23 grants in more than **[four]** *four and one-half* academic years, unless
24 the recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate program regularly re-
25 quiring five academic years for completion, in which case the Stu-
26 dent Assistance Board shall permit **[a fifth]** *five and one-half years*
27 of eligibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a student
28 receiving aid under the provisions of P. L. 1968, c. 142 (C.
29 18A:71-28 et seq.) shall be entitled to a sixth year of eligibility.
30 *Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a county college stu-*
31 *dent who transfers to a four year institution, or any student who*
32 *is required to pursue 18 or more credit hours in a remedial or*
33 *developmental curriculum as defined by regulations adopted by the*
34 *Board of Higher Education is entitled to an additional half year of*
35 *eligibility. For the purpose of this amendatory act, a remedial*
36 *curriculum shall include only noncredit courses in which a student*
37 *is directed to enroll as a result of his score on the New Jersey*
38 *College Basic Skills Placement test or its equivalent at independent*
39 *colleges or universities. Eligibility for tuition aid grants may be*
40 extended to part-time students through regulations developed by
41 the Student Assistance Board and approved by the Board of Higher
42 Education if the level of appropriated funds allows such an exten-
43 sion, subject to prior approval by the Director of the Division of
44 Budget and Accounting in the *Department of the Treasury* and
45 Joint Appropriation Committee's subcommittee on transfers or its
46 successor. No student shall be eligible for grants unless he main-
47 tains such minimum standards of academic performance as are
48 required by the institution in which he is enrolled. No student shall
49 be eligible for a tuition aid grant who is enrolled in a course leading
50 to a degree in theology or divinity.

51 In the event a student for any reason ceases to continue to be
52 enrolled or otherwise becomes ineligible during the course of an
53 academic year, he shall cease to be eligible for tuition aid. Both the
54 student and the institution shall have the responsibility to notify
55 the Student Assistance Board when a student ceases to be eligible
56 to receive student assistance because of withdrawal for any reason
57 or a change in status from a full to part-time student.

58 (b) Amount of grant. The amount of a tuition aid grant under
59 this act to any student attending an institution of higher education
60 in New Jersey shall be established by the Student Assistance Board
61 but shall not exceed the maximum amount of tuition normally
62 charged at a public institution of higher education for students
63 attending that institution or 50% of the average tuition normally
64 charged at the independent colleges and universities for students
65 attending those institutions. The amount of a New Jersey Tuition

66 Assistance grant under this act to any student attending an insti-
 67 tution of higher education in any state other than New Jersey
 68 pursuant to *this* section [7 of P. L. 1968, c. 429] shall not exceed
 69 \$500.00 in an academic year. The amount of grant to be paid for
 70 each semester or equivalent shall be based on the financial need
 71 for such a grant as determined by standards and procedures estab-
 72 lished by the Student Assistance Board and approved by the State
 73 Board of Higher Education. The standards and procedures which
 74 shall be established by the Student Assistance Board for the fiscal
 75 year 1978-79 shall be submitted to the Legislature, together with
 76 appropriate supporting information, and such standards and pro-
 77 cedures shall be deemed approved by the Legislature at the end
 78 of 30 calendar days after the date on which they are transmitted
 79 to the Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in session on the
 80 thirtieth day, then on the next succeeding day on which it shall be
 81 meeting, unless between the date of transmittal and the end of the
 82 30-day period the Legislature passes a concurrent resolution re-
 83 jecting the standards and procedures in which case the standards
 84 and procedures then in effect shall continue in effect.

85 Any subsequent revisions of said standards and procedures shall
 86 be submitted to the Legislature, together with appropriate support-
 87 ing information, and such standards and procedures shall be
 88 deemed approved by the Legislature at the end of 60 calendar days
 89 after the date on which they are transmitted to the Legislature, or
 90 if the Legislature is not in session on the sixtieth day, then on the
 91 next succeeding day on which it shall be meeting, unless between the
 92 date of transmittal and the end of the 60-day period the Legislature
 93 passes a concurrent resolution rejecting the standards and pro-
 94 cedures in which case the standards and procedures then in effect
 95 shall continue in effect.

96 (c) Appropriations for each program category of tuition aid
 97 grants shall be separately made by line item.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to tuition
 2 aid grants awarded for the 1987-88 academic year and thereafter.

REGULATED PROFESSIONS — COLLEGES
 AND UNIVERSITIES

Provides that students eligible for tuition aid grant program are
 eligible for an additional one-half year.

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87 grants shall be separately made by line item.

1 *****[2.** *There is appropriated \$1,500,000.00 from the General*
2 *Fund to Department of Higher Education to effectuate the pur-*
3 *poses of this act.********

1 **[2.]** *****[3.]***** **2.***** This act shall take effect immedi-
2 ately ****and shall apply to tuition aid grants awarded for the*
3 *1986-87 academic year and thereafter****.

STATEMENT

This bill extends eligibility for a State Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) award for an additional one-half year to all TAG recipients. In addition, a county college student who transfers to a four-year institution and any student who is required to pursue a noncredit remedial or developmental program of 18 or more credit hours is entitled to an additional one-half year of TAG eligibility beyond the extension otherwise granted in the bill.

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND REGULATED
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 566

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 5, 1986

The Assembly Higher Education and Regulated Professions Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 566.

This bill provides that a student who qualifies for a tuition aid grant (TAG) will be eligible to receive a grant for 4½ academic years. If the student is enrolled in an undergraduate program regularly requiring five academic years, then he may receive a grant for 5½ years. Also, a county college student who transfers to a four year institution, or a student who is required to take a remedial or developmental curriculum of 18 or more credit hours will be entitled to an additional half-year of eligibility.

Currently, students are eligible for a tuition aid grant for four academic years unless enrolled in a five year program in which case eligibility is extended to a fifth year. Also, a student who is receiving aid from the educational opportunity fund is entitled to a sixth year of eligibility.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1986 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 566

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 12, 1986

The Assembly Appropriations Committee favorably reports this bill.

Assembly Bill No. 566 provides that a student who qualifies for a tuition aid grant (TAG) would be eligible to receive a grant for 4½ academic years, depending on the program requirements. Currently, students are eligible for a tuition aid grant for four academic years unless enrolled in a five year program in which case eligibility is extended to a fifth year. In addition, a county college student who transfers to a four year institution, or a student who is required to take a remedial or developmental curriculum of 18 or more credit hours will be entitled to an additional half-year of eligibility.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Higher Education has estimated the cost to be approximately \$740,000.00. The current appropriation for the TAG program is \$52 million and according to the department the projected need is estimated at \$50.6 million. The balance should be sufficient to absorb the cost of this bill without requiring an additional appropriation.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 566

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 2, 1986

The Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee reported this bill favorably.

Assembly Bill No. 566 provides that a student who qualifies for a tuition aid grant (TAG) would be eligible to receive a grant for 4½ or 5½ academic years, depending on the program requirements. Further, a county college student who transfers to a four year institution, or a student who is required to take a remedial or developmental curriculum of 18 or more credit hours will be entitled to an additional half-year of eligibility. Currently, students are eligible for a tuition aid grant for four academic years unless enrolled in a five year program, in which case eligibility is extended for a fifth year.

The extended grants will be available for the 1987-88 academic year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Higher Education estimates that the cost of this program, in FY 1987-88, will be between \$740,000.00 and \$800,000.00. Because the extended grants will not be provided until the fall of 1987, the bill will have no impact on the State during the current fiscal year. It is anticipated that the department's FY 1987-88 budget will contain moneys for the program.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 566

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 22, 1986

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 566 without amendment.

This bill provides that a student who qualifies for a tuition aid grant (TAG) will be eligible to receive a grant for 4½ academic years. If the student is enrolled in an undergraduate program regularly requiring five academic years, then he may receive a grant for 5½ years. Also, a county college student who transfers to a four year institution, or a student who is required to take a remedial or developmental curriculum of 18 or more credit hours will be entitled to an additional half-year of eligibility.

Currently, students are eligible for a tuition aid grant for four academic years unless enrolled in a five year program in which case eligibility is extended to a fifth year. Also, a student who is receiving aid from the educational opportunity fund is entitled to a sixth year of eligibility.

According to a fiscal note prepared for this bill, the Department of Higher Education estimates that the additional cost of the TAG program will be \$730,000.00 for the current fiscal year. The costs for fiscal year 1987-88 are estimated at \$736,000.00. Thereafter, costs are expected to stabilize since enrollment declines should offset increasing tuition costs. Since, according to the Department of Higher Education, the projected need for the TAG program for this year is \$52,000,000.00 no additional funds should be needed for the costs of this bill.