

18A:71-79 to 18A:71-86

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

**NJSA:** 18A:71-79 to 18A:71-86 (Governor's Teaching Scholars--  
program-- establish)  
**CHAPTER 180**

**Laws Of:** 1986

**Bill No:** A1180

**Sponsor(s):** Rocco and others

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**Committee:** **Assembly:** Education  
**Senate:** Education

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Amendments during passage denoted  
by asterisks

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## ASSEMBLY, No. 1180

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1986 SESSION

By Assemblyman ROCCO

AN ACT establishing a Governor's teaching scholars education loan and loan redemption credit program in the Department of Education.

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

1 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the most important  
2 component of quality public education is the skill and ability of  
3 public school teachers and that the public interest requires efforts  
4 to attract our State's best high school students into careers in public  
5 education.

1 2. The State Board of Education shall establish in the Depart-  
2 ment of Education a Governor's teaching scholars program to  
3 provide student loans to New Jersey's top high school graduates  
4 who will pursue careers in teaching. Under the program, *\*subject*  
5 *to the availability of funds appropriated for this purpose and a*  
6 *sufficient number of qualified applicants,\** the department **\*[may]\***  
7 *\*shall\** select a minimum of 100 high school graduates per year  
8 who shall each be eligible to receive a student loan, not to exceed  
9 \$7,500.00, to pursue a course of study at an institution of higher  
10 education. **\*[in]\*** *\*In\** no academic year shall a participant  
11 be eligible for a loan greater than the total cost of attendance,  
12 including tuition, room and board, and other necessary fees  
13 and expenses, less the total value of all scholarships and grants  
14 received by the participant for that academic year. Program par-  
15 ticipants may apply for loan renewals for three additional years,  
16 with the total loan received by any participant not to exceed

**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.**

**Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:**

**\*—Assembly committee amendments adopted September 8, 1986.**

17 \$30,000.00. The State Board of Education, upon the recommenda-  
18 tion of the Commissioner of Education, may make periodic adjust-  
19 ments to this maximum tuition amount.

1 3. Loans may be redeemed in full for teaching service in New  
2 Jersey public schools according to the schedule recommended by  
3 the steering committee established pursuant to section 4 of this act  
4 and approved by the State Board of Education.

5 The State board may designate critical geographic areas of  
6 teacher shortage and establish an accelerated schedule of redemp-  
7 tion credits for program participants who teach in these designated  
8 areas.

1 4. The State board, in consultation with the Chancellor of Higher  
2 Education, shall establish an application procedure and student  
3 selection criteria, including but not limited to Scholastic Aptitude  
4 Test scores, class rank and teacher recommendations. In addition,  
5 the State board may establish high priority locations, subject areas  
6 and student groups and incorporate these considerations in the  
7 selection criteria. The Commissioner of Education shall establish  
8 a steering committee composed of public and private school edu-  
9 cators, school administrators, a representative from the Depart-  
10 ment of Higher Education and a representative from the Depart-  
11 ment of Education.

12 The State board shall also establish criteria for determining  
13 eligibilty for loan renewals.

1 5. The Department of Education shall assist program partici-  
2 pants in securing teaching positions in public schools in New Jersey  
3 after graduation from an institution of higher education.

1 6. The State board shall establish procedures for the manage-  
2 ment of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for  
3 this program and for the collection of outstanding loans which  
4 are similar to the procedures utilized in other student loan pro-  
5 grams in New Jersey when those procedures are appropriate.

1 7. The Commissioner of Education shall contract with the New  
2 Jersey Higher Education Assistance Authority for the purposes of  
3 administering the loan program. Except as otherwise provided in  
4 this act, the terms and conditions of the loans shall be those estab-  
5 lished by rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

1 8. The State Board of Education shall, pursuant to the "Ad-  
2 ministrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et  
3 seq.), adopt rules and regulations which are necessary to effec-  
4 tuate the purposes of this act.

1 9. This act shall take effect immediately, and the first loans  
2 made pursuant to this act shall be awarded for the \***[1986-1987]**\*  
3 \*1987-1988\* academic year.

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 6 *Loan Program]\*\* \*\*rules and regulations of the State Board of*  
 7 *Education\*\*.*

1    \***[6.]**\* \*8.\* The State Board of Education shall, pursuant to the  
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1    \***[7.]**\* \*9.\* This act shall take effect immediately, and the first  
 2 loans made pursuant to this act shall be awarded for the \***[1985-**  
 3 **1986]**\* \*1986-1987\* academic year.

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#### STATEMENT

This bill establishes a Governor’s teaching scholars education loan and loan redemption credit program in the Department of Education.

This program will offer education loans of not more than \$7,500.00 per year to at least 100 outstanding high school seniors selected by the Department of Education, intending to pursue careers as public school teachers. Recipients of the scholarship loans may borrow up to a maximum of \$30,000.00 over a four-year period. Periodic adjustments to the amounts may be made.

The loans may be redeemed in full for teaching service in New Jersey public schools. The schedule for loan redemption will be recommended to the State Board of Education by a steering committee consisting of public and private school educators and administrators and representatives from the Departments of Education and Higher Education. Terms and conditions of the loans will follow rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

In addition, this bill authorizes the Department of Education to assist loan recipients in securing teaching positions in public schools in New Jersey after college graduation.

According to the provisions of this bill, the first scholarship loans shall be awarded for the 1986-87 academic year.

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1180**

with Assembly committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 8, 1986

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports this bill as amended.

As amended, this bill establishes by statute the Governor's teaching scholars program in the Department of Education. The department began the program for the 1985-1986 school year and the program currently operates pursuant to N. J. A. C. 6.12-1.1 et seq.

The program is designed to attract highly qualified students to the field of teaching by providing a financial incentive to high school seniors to pursue teaching careers. Each year, the program will offer scholarship loans of up to \$7,500.00 per year to a minimum of 100 academically talented New Jersey high school seniors who intend to pursue careers in public education. Loans may be renewed with the maximum four-year loan total to any student not to exceed \$30,000.00. The entire amount borrowed including accrued interest may be redeemed upon successful teaching service in New Jersey public schools.

The bill authorizes the Department of Education to establish a steering committee consisting of public and private school educators and administrators and representatives from the Departments of Education and Higher Education. The steering committee will recommend a schedule of loan redemption to the State Board. The current regulations provide for full redemption of the loan through four years of teaching in an urban location or six years of teaching in other locations (N. J. A. C. 6:12-1.9).

After graduation participants in the program will receive assistance from the department in securing teaching positions in New Jersey public schools.

For the 1985-1986 academic year \$750,000.00 was appropriated to support the Governor's teaching scholars program. For the 1986-1987 academic year, the appropriation is \$2,000,000.00.

The committee amendments clarify the sponsor's intention that at least 100 high school seniors will be selected for the program each year unless the funds appropriated or the quality of the applicant pool makes this objective unattainable, make the statute effective for the 1987-1988 academic year, and correct a typographical error.

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

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**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE****Statement to****ASSEMBLY BILL No. 1180 OCR****Dated: October, 27, 1986**

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1180 OCR without Senate Committee amendments.

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