

# 18A:71B-24.1

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**BILL NO:** S165 (Substituted for A1211)

**SPONSOR(S):** Palaia and Matheussen

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**COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY:** Transportation

**SENATE:** Transportation; Budget

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**S165**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** Yes 1-31-00

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2-10-00 (Budget)

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** Yes 3/1/00

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**A1211**

**SPONSORS STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to S165

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** Yes

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**SENATE, No. 165**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH A. PALAIA**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes law enforcement officer memorial license plates for college scholarships for children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**S165 PALAIA**

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1 **AN ACT** authorizing law enforcement officer memorial license plates  
2 and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

3  
4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

6  
7 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Law  
8 Enforcement Officers' Memorial Scholarship Act of 1998."

9  
10 2. a. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for  
11 a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State special  
12 license plates bearing, in addition to the registration number and other  
13 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, an appropriate  
14 slogan and an emblem, to be designed by the Superintendent of State  
15 Police, in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association,  
16 the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the National Law  
17 Enforcement Officers Memorial, and approved by the Director of the  
18 Division of Motor Vehicles. These design features shall commemorate  
19 and honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in New  
20 Jersey.

21 b. Application for issuance of law enforcement officer memorial  
22 license plates shall be made to the director on such forms and in such  
23 manner as may be prescribed by the director. The director shall collect  
24 for each set of plates issued an application fee of \$50, and an annual  
25 renewal fee of \$10, in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law  
26 for the registration of motor vehicles.

27 c. Monies collected from all fees for law enforcement officer  
28 memorial license plates shall be deposited in a special account to be  
29 known as the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" to be  
30 established in the Department of the Treasury. Other funds made  
31 available to the State to support the provisions of this bill shall be  
32 deposited in this fund for use as set forth in this section. Interest or  
33 other income earned on monies deposited into the fund shall be  
34 credited to the fund for use as set forth in this section.

35 d. The director shall annually certify to the Attorney General the  
36 average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding  
37 year by the Division of Motor Vehicles in producing, issuing, renewing  
38 and publicizing the availability of law enforcement officer memorial  
39 license plates. The Attorney General shall annually report the  
40 Department of Law and Public Safety's costs and the division's costs  
41 to the Office of Management and Budget.

42 e. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to  
43 obtain law enforcement officer memorial license plates by including a  
44 notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting  
45 appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The  
46 notices, posters and signs shall be designed by the Superintendent of

1 State Police after consulting with the State Police Benevolent  
2 Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the  
3 National Law Enforcement Memorial. The designs shall be subject to  
4 the approval of the director. The Superintendent shall supply the  
5 division with the notices, posters and signs to be circulated or posted  
6 by the division.

7 f. In the event that the average cost per license plate, as certified  
8 by the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight  
9 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee  
10 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal  
11 years, the director may discontinue the issuance of the law  
12 enforcement officer memorial license plate.

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14 3. Funds from the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund shall  
15 be annually appropriated:

16 a. to reimburse the Division of Motor Vehicles for all costs,  
17 including those costs associated with computer programming changes,  
18 incurred in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the  
19 availability of law enforcement officer memorial license plates;

20 b. to reimburse the Department of Law and Public Safety for the  
21 design and printing of notices, posters and signs to be utilized by the  
22 Division of Motor Vehicles; and

23 c. for the establishment of a scholarship program for the children  
24 of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty pursuant to  
25 section 4 of this act.

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27 4. a. There is created the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial  
28 Scholarships Program. These scholarships shall be awarded, pursuant  
29 to the provisions of this act, to the children of New Jersey law  
30 enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. The New  
31 Jersey Office of Student Assistance, in but not of the Department of  
32 the Treasury, and established pursuant to section 17 of P.L.1994, c.48  
33 (C.18A:3B-17), shall administer this program.

34 b. Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships shall be  
35 awarded annually within the limits of monies in the Law Enforcement  
36 Officer Memorial Fund, created pursuant to subsection c. of section 2  
37 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (now pending before the Legislature as  
38 Assembly Bill No. ), for undergraduate study leading to a  
39 baccalaureate degree or associate degree at any public or private  
40 institution of higher education in New Jersey.

41 c. The scholarships may be renewed annually for up to four years,  
42 except that each scholarship shall remain in effect only if the holder of  
43 the scholarship remains a full-time student in good standing at the  
44 institution and continues to meet the eligibility criteria and guidelines  
45 established under this act and regulations promulgated thereto.  
46 Selection of recipients may take into account the actual dependency of

1 the recipients, their needs and means, and the pecuniary loss  
2 occasioned by reason of the death of their parents.

3 d. A student who is subject to the provisions of the "Military  
4 Selective Service Act," 50 U.S.C. App.453, shall not be eligible to  
5 receive any scholarship without verification of compliance with the  
6 requirements of that act.

7 e. For the purposes of this act, "law enforcement officer" means a  
8 New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any  
9 federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency,  
10 department, or division of those governments who is statutorily  
11 empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction,  
12 detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of  
13 this State or of the United States and statutorily required to  
14 successfully complete a training course approved by the Police  
15 Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et  
16 seq.), or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent  
17 to an approved course.

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19 5. The Executive Director of Student Assistance Programs in the  
20 Office of Student Assistance shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant  
21 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1  
22 et seq.), necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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24 6. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month  
25 after enactment; except the Attorney General, the State Treasurer and  
26 the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may take such action  
27 in advance of the effective date as may be necessary for the timely  
28 implementation of this act.

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#### STATEMENT

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33 This bill establishes a scholarship program for the children of law  
34 enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. More than 300 New  
35 Jersey law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty,  
36 about half of whom have been killed since 1960. This bill is intended  
37 to honor these officers.

38 It would provide tuition assistance to their children who attend  
39 New Jersey institutions of higher learning. The scholarship program  
40 would be administered by the Office of Student Assistance in but not  
41 of, the Department of The Treasury. This program would be funded  
42 by the sale of special license plates honoring the fallen officers. Each  
43 set of plates will bear an additional application fee of \$50 to support  
44 the scholarship program.

45 Children of State and local police, correctional officers and federal  
46 law enforcement officers would be eligible for the scholarships.

# SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 165**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 31, 2000

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 165.

This bill establishes a scholarship program for the children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. More than 300 New Jersey law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty, about half of whom have been killed since 1960. This bill is intended to honor these officers.

It would provide tuition assistance to their children who attend New Jersey institutions of higher learning. The scholarship program would be administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in, but not of, the Department of State. This program would be funded by the sale of special license plates honoring the fallen officers. Each set of plates will bear an additional application fee of \$50 to support the scholarship program.

Children of State and local police, correctional officers and federal law enforcement officers would be eligible for the scholarships.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2000 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

# SENATE, No. 165

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH A. PALAIA**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Robertson and Bennett**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes law enforcement officer memorial license plates for college scholarships for children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Transportation Committee with technical review.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/8/2000)**



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11 a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State special  
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15 Police, in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association,  
16 the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the National Law  
17 Enforcement Officers Memorial, and approved by the Director of the  
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19 and honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in New  
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24 for each set of plates issued an application fee of \$50, and an annual  
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29 known as the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" to be  
30 established in the Department of the Treasury. Other funds made  
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32 deposited in this fund for use as set forth in this section. Interest or  
33 other income earned on monies deposited into the fund shall be  
34 credited to the fund for use as set forth in this section.

35 d. The director shall annually certify to the Commissioner of  
36 Transportation the average cost per license plate incurred in the  
37 immediately preceding year by the Division of Motor Vehicles in  
38 producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability of law  
39 enforcement officer memorial license plates. The Commissioner of  
40 Transportation shall annually report the Department of  
41 Transportation's costs and the division's costs to the Office of  
42 Management and Budget.

43 e. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to  
44 obtain law enforcement officer memorial license plates by including a  
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46 appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The

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4 National Law Enforcement Memorial. The designs shall be subject to  
5 the approval of the director. The Superintendent shall supply the  
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7 by the division.

8 f. In the event that the average cost per license plate, as certified  
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10 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee  
11 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal  
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29 Scholarships Program. These scholarships shall be awarded, pursuant  
30 to the provisions of this act, to the children of New Jersey law  
31 enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. The New  
32 Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, in but not of  
33 the Department of State, and established pursuant to section 1 of  
34 P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:71A-28), shall administer this program.

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36 awarded annually within the limits of monies in the Law Enforcement  
37 Officer Memorial Fund, created pursuant to subsection c. of section 2  
38 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (now pending before the Legislature as this  
39 bill), for undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree or  
40 associate degree at any public or private institution of higher education  
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2 the recipients, their needs and means, and the pecuniary loss  
3 occasioned by reason of the death of their parents.

4 d. A student who is subject to the provisions of the "Military  
5 Selective Service Act," 50 U.S.C. App.453, shall not be eligible to  
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7 requirements of that act.

8 e. For the purposes of this act, "law enforcement officer" means a  
9 New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any  
10 federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency,  
11 department, or division of those governments who is statutorily  
12 empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction,  
13 detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of  
14 this State or of the United States and statutorily required to  
15 successfully complete a training course approved by the Police  
16 Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et  
17 seq.), or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent  
18 to an approved course.

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20 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall adopt  
21 rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
22 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the  
23 provisions of this act.

24

25 6. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month  
26 after enactment; except the Commissioner of Transportation, the State  
27 Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may take  
28 such action in advance of the effective date as may be necessary for  
29 the timely implementation of this act.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 165**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 10, 2000

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 165.

This bill establishes a scholarship program for the surviving children of certain New Jersey law enforcement officers.

The program would provide assistance for undergraduate study at a public or private institution of higher education in New Jersey to the children of New Jersey law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty. The bill defines "law enforcement officer" as

a New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency, department, or division of those governments who is statutorily empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction, detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of this State or of the United States and statutorily required to successfully complete a training course approved by the Police Training Commission . . . or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent to an approved course.

The scholarship program would be administered by the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. The amount of any scholarship could not exceed the portion of a recipient's cost of attendance, at the particular undergraduate institution in which the recipient is enrolled, that is not otherwise covered by other student aid programs administered by the authority. Selection of recipients could take into account their relative need and means.

The program would be funded by the sale of special license plates honoring the deceased officers. The license plates are to be designed by the Superintendent of State Police in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police, and the staff of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc. (a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing support for the law enforcement profession by commemorating the service of law enforcement officers). The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles is to be responsible for approving the design and issuing the plates.

Each set of plates would be subject to an initial application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10, both fees in addition to the regular fees prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Committee amendments to the bill (1) provide for coordination of scholarship awards under the legislation with student aid under other programs administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, and (2) make various technical changes to correct references and clarify the wording of the legislation.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The Division of Motor Vehicles has previously estimated that "cause" plates (e.g. Shore Protection, Animal Friendly, Cancer Research, etc.) generate the following costs: (1) about \$12 per set to produce and issue the plates; (2) about \$46,000 for marketing inserts advertising the availability of the plates; and (3) about \$30,000 for one-time computer programming expenses. Assuming an initial production run of 5,000 plates costing about \$60,000, and adding one-time costs of \$76,000 for marketing and computer-related activities, the indicated total first-year cost of issuing the special law enforcement memorial plates would be about \$136,000 .

To offset these State costs, the division would receive the revenues from the \$50 application fee and the \$10 renewal fee. If all 5,000 license plates in the initial production run were issued in the first year, the State would receive \$250,000 in revenue that year. The allocation of \$136,000 from that revenue to reimburse the division for its startup costs would leave \$114,000 available for student aid in the first year of the scholarship program. (For purposes of comparison, it is noted that the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority received an appropriation of \$65,000 in FY2000 to support the survivors tuition benefits program, which also offers higher education assistance to survivors of law enforcement personnel.)

Future State costs and contributions to the fund would be dependent on the actual demand for these plates.

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 165**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

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**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

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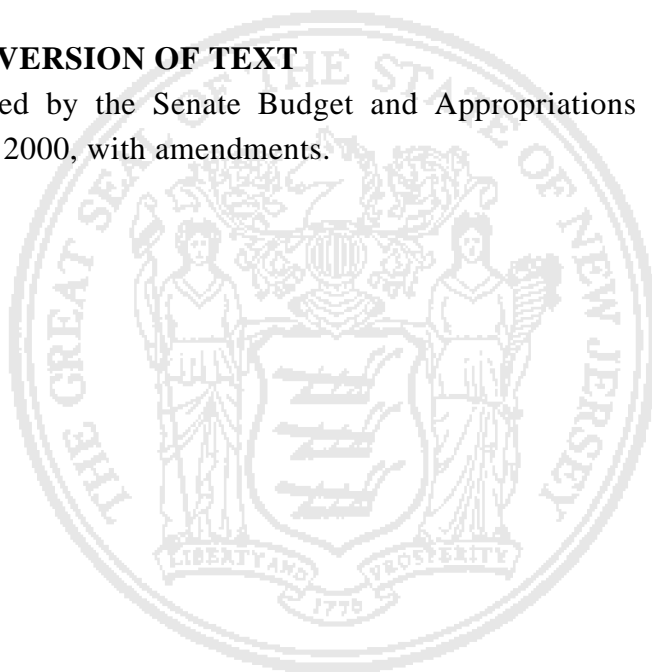
**Senators Robertson, Bennett, Allen, Sinagra, Bucco, Singer and Inverso**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes law enforcement officer memorial license plates for college scholarships for children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on February 10, 2000, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/29/2000)**

1 AN ACT authorizing law enforcement officer memorial license plates  
2 <sup>1</sup>[and],<sup>1</sup> supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised  
3 Statutes <sup>1</sup>and subtitle 12A of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
4 Statutes<sup>1</sup>.

5  
6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

8  
9 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Law  
10 Enforcement Officers' Memorial Scholarship Act of 2000."

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12 2. a. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for  
13 a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State special  
14 license plates bearing, in addition to the registration number and other  
15 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, an appropriate  
16 slogan and an emblem, to be designed by the Superintendent of State  
17 Police, in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association,  
18 the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the National Law  
19 Enforcement Officers Memorial <sup>1</sup>Fund, Inc.<sup>1</sup>, and approved by the  
20 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles. These design features  
21 shall commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in the  
22 line of duty in New Jersey.

23 b. Application for issuance of law enforcement officer memorial  
24 license plates shall be made to the director on such forms and in such  
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32 established in the Department of the Treasury. Other funds made  
33 available to the State to support the provisions of this act shall be  
34 deposited in this fund for use as set forth in this <sup>1</sup>[section] act<sup>1</sup>.  
35 Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into the fund  
36 shall be credited to the fund for use as set forth in this <sup>1</sup>[section] act<sup>1</sup>.

37 d. The director shall annually certify to the Commissioner of  
38 Transportation the average cost per license plate incurred in the  
39 immediately preceding year by the Division of Motor Vehicles in  
40 producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability of law  
41 enforcement officer memorial license plates. The Commissioner of

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SBA committee amendments adopted February 10, 2000.

1 Transportation shall annually report <sup>1</sup>to the Director of the Division  
2 of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury the costs  
3 incurred by<sup>1</sup> the Department of [Transportation's costs and the  
4 division's costs to the Office of Management and Budget]  
5 Transportation and the Division of Motor Vehicles to implement the  
6 provisions of this section<sup>1</sup>.

7 e. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to  
8 obtain law enforcement officer memorial license plates by including a  
9 notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting  
10 appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The  
11 notices, posters and signs shall be designed by the Superintendent of  
12 State Police after consulting with the State Police Benevolent  
13 Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the  
14 National Law Enforcement <sup>1</sup>Officers<sup>1</sup> Memorial <sup>1</sup>Fund, Inc<sup>1</sup>. The  
15 designs shall be subject to the approval of the director. The  
16 Superintendent shall supply the division with the notices, posters and  
17 signs to be circulated or posted by the division.

18 f. In the event that the average cost per license plate, as certified  
19 by the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight  
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42 Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, in but not of  
43 the Department of State, and established pursuant to <sup>1</sup>[section 1 of  
44 P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:71A-28)] N.J.S.18A:71A-3<sup>1</sup>, shall administer  
45 this program.

46 b. Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships shall be



1 awarded annually within the limits of monies in the Law Enforcement  
2 Officer Memorial Fund, created pursuant to subsection c. of section 2  
3 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (now pending before the Legislature as this  
4 bill), for undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree or  
5 associate degree at any public or private institution of higher education  
6 in New Jersey. <sup>1</sup>The amount of any such scholarship shall not exceed  
7 an amount equal to the portion of the recipient's cost of attendance at  
8 the institution that is not otherwise covered by any other scholarship,  
9 tuition aid grant, benefit or other assistance awarded to the recipient  
10 under the "Higher Education Student Assistance Authority Law,"  
11 N.J.S.18A:71A-1 et seq.<sup>1</sup>

12 c. The scholarships may be renewed annually for up to four years,  
13 except that each scholarship shall remain in effect only if the holder of  
14 the scholarship remains a full-time student in good standing at the  
15 institution and continues to meet the eligibility criteria and guidelines  
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21 Selective Service Act," 50 U.S.C. App.453, shall not be eligible to  
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24 e. For the purposes of this act, "law enforcement officer" means a  
25 New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any  
26 federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency,  
27 department, or division of those governments who is statutorily  
28 empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction,  
29 detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of  
30 this State or of the United States and statutorily required to  
31 successfully complete a training course approved by the Police  
32 Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et  
33 seq.), or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent  
34 to an approved course.

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36 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall adopt  
37 rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
38 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the  
39 provisions of this act.

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41 <sup>1</sup>6. There shall be annually appropriated to the Higher Education  
42 Student Assistance Authority such sums as shall be necessary to  
43 administer the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_  
44 (C. \_\_\_\_\_)(now pending before the Legislature as this bill).<sup>1</sup>

1       <sup>1</sup>[6.] 7.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>[on] immediately but shall  
2 remain inoperative until<sup>1</sup> the first day of the seventh month after  
3 enactment; except <sup>1</sup>that<sup>1</sup> the Commissioner of Transportation, the  
4 State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles  
5 may take such action in advance of <sup>1</sup>[the effective date] that day<sup>1</sup> as  
6 may be necessary for the timely implementation of this act.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**SENATE, No. 165**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: MARCH 1, 2000

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Authorizes law enforcement officer memorial license plates for college scholarships for children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**Type of Impact:** New expenditure from General Fund offset by new revenue

**Agencies Affected:** Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	\$136,000 for startup costs, includes initial production run of 5,000 plate sets	\$12 per plate set (Variable production run)	\$12 per plate set (Variable production run)
<b>State Revenue</b>	unknown	unknown	unknown

- ! Authorizes issuance of special license plates to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.
- ! Special plate application fee of \$50, and an annual renewal fee of \$10; these fees are in addition to fees otherwise charged for vehicle registration.
- ! Special license plate fees used to reimburse division for costs associated with producing and issuing the special plates, and to award college scholarships to children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill No. 165 of 2000 authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue special license plates to commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in New Jersey.

There would be an application fee of \$50 for the special plate and an annual renewal fee of \$10. These fees are in addition to fees otherwise charged for vehicle registration. The application and renewal fees would be used to: (1) reimburse the division for costs associated with producing and issuing the special law enforcement commemoration plates; and (2) finance the "Law Enforcement Memorial Fund" which is established by this bill to award college scholarships to children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The Division of Motor Vehicles has previously estimated that "cause" plates, e.g. Shore Protection, Animal Friendly, Cancer Research, etc. have the following costs: (1) about \$12 per set to produce and issue; (2) about \$46,000 for marketing inserts and advertising the availability of new "cause" plates; and (3) about \$30,000 for one-time computer programming expenses. Therefore, given an initial production run of 5,000 plates costing about \$60,000 and one-time costs of \$76,000 for marketing and computer related activities, the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates a total first-year cost of \$136,000 to begin issuance of these special law enforcement memorial plates.

To offset these State costs, the division would receive the revenues from the \$50 application fee, and the \$10 renewal fee. If the entire 5,000 initial license plate production run was issued in the first year, the State would receive \$250,000 in revenue. The subsequent allocation of \$136,000 from that revenue to reimburse the division for its startup costs would make \$114,000 available for deposit in the "Law Enforcement Memorial Fund."

Future State costs and contributions to the fund would be dependent on the actual demand for these plates. Although OLS cannot estimate this demand, OLS would note that there are over 45,000 members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey who have a police affiliation. There are also about 4,300 members of the State Police Retirement System of New Jersey. Disregarding probable interest by the general public, if only 10 percent of the members of these two police retirement systems were to purchase the special plates, then an initial production run of 5,000 plate sets could be sold the first year.

Section: *Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications*

Analyst: *Rusty Lachenauer*  
*Senior Fiscal Analyst*

Approved: *Alan R. Kooney*  
*Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

# ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

## **SENATE, No. 165**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2000

The Assembly Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 165 (1R).

This bill establishes a scholarship program for the surviving children of certain New Jersey law enforcement officers.

The program would provide assistance for undergraduate study at a public or private institution of higher education in New Jersey to the children of New Jersey law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty. The bill defines "law enforcement officer" as

a New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency, department, or division of those governments who is statutorily empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction, detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of this State or of the United States and statutorily required to successfully complete a training course approved by the Police Training Commission . . . or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent to an approved course.

The scholarship program would be administered by the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. The amount of any scholarship could not exceed the portion of a recipient's cost of attendance, at the particular undergraduate institution in which the recipient is enrolled, that is not otherwise covered by other student aid programs administered by the authority. Selection of recipients could take into account their relative need and means.

The program would be funded by the sale of special license plates honoring the deceased officers, the receipts from which would be deposited into a "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund," in the Department of the Treasury, created pursuant to this bill. The license plates are to be designed by the Superintendent of State Police in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police, and the staff of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc. (a nonprofit organization

dedicated to increasing support for the law enforcement profession by commemorating the service of law enforcement officers). The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles is to be responsible for approving the design and issuing the plates.

Each set of plates would be subject to an initial application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10, both fees in addition to the regular fees prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

The committee amended the bill to require that the State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police, and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc. contribute an amount, as determined by the director, but not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$50,000, that is to be used to initially produce and issue the license plates. In addition, other law enforcement organizations and donors could assist by contributing monies to any of the three organizations listed herein for the purposes noted. Receipts from the license plate fees would first be used: (1) to reimburse the organizations contributing the amount needed to offset the noted initial costs of the division; (2) then to reimburse the division for additional costs incurred to continue to produce and issue the special memorial license plates and the Department of Transportation for certain administrative expenses; and (3) then to support the scholarship program for children of New Jersey law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Senate Bill No. 165 (1R) as amended by the committee is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1211 as amended and reported by the committee today.

[Second Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 165**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH A. PALAIA**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Senator JOHN J. MATHEUSSEN**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

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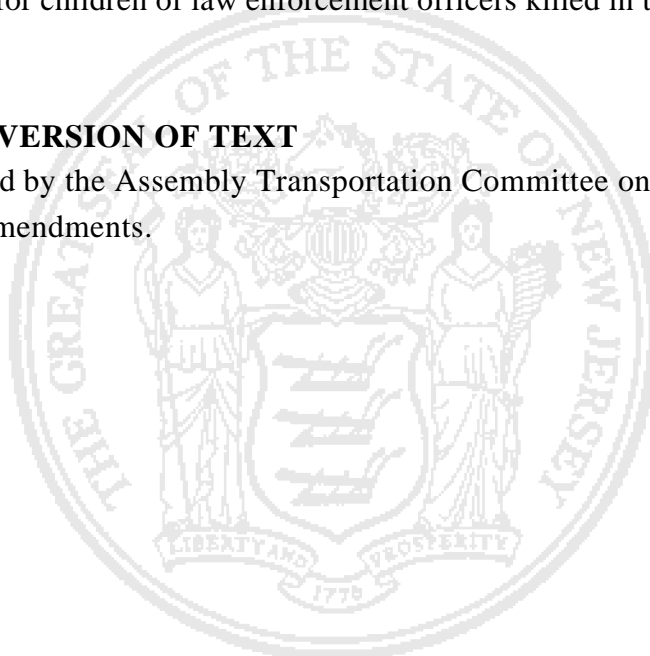
**Senators Robertson, Bennett, Allen, Sinagra, Bucco, Singer, Inverso,  
Assemblymen Corodemus, Talarico, Greenwald, R.Smith and Senator  
Kosco**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes law enforcement officer memorial license plates for college scholarships for children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Transportation Committee on November 13, 2000, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/16/2001)**

1 AN ACT authorizing law enforcement officer memorial license plates  
2 <sup>1</sup>[and],<sup>1</sup> supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised  
3 Statutes <sup>1</sup>and subtitle 12A of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
4 Statutes<sup>1</sup>.

5  
6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

8  
9 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Law  
10 Enforcement Officers' Memorial Scholarship Act of 2000."

11  
12 2. a. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for  
13 a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State special  
14 license plates bearing, in addition to the registration number and other  
15 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, an appropriate  
16 slogan and an emblem, to be designed by the Superintendent of State  
17 Police, in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association,  
18 the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the National Law  
19 Enforcement Officers Memorial <sup>1</sup>Fund, Inc.<sup>1</sup>, and approved by the  
20 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles. These design features  
21 shall commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in the  
22 line of duty in New Jersey.

23 b. Application for issuance of law enforcement officer memorial  
24 license plates shall be made to the director on such forms and in such  
25 manner as may be prescribed by the director. The director shall collect  
26 for each set of plates issued an application fee of \$50, and an annual  
27 renewal fee of \$10, in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law  
28 for the registration of motor vehicles.

29 c. Monies collected from all fees for law enforcement officer  
30 memorial license plates shall be deposited in a special account to be  
31 known as the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" to be  
32 established in the Department of the Treasury. Other funds made  
33 available to the State to support the provisions of this act shall be  
34 deposited in this fund for use as set forth in this <sup>1</sup>[section] act<sup>1</sup>.  
35 Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into the fund  
36 shall be credited to the fund for use as set forth in this <sup>1</sup>[section] act<sup>1</sup>.

37 d. The director shall annually certify to the Commissioner of  
38 Transportation the average cost per license plate incurred in the  
39 immediately preceding year by the Division of Motor Vehicles in  
40 producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability of law  
41 enforcement officer memorial license plates. The Commissioner of

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SBA committee amendments adopted February 10, 2000.

<sup>2</sup> Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted November 13, 2000.



1 Transportation shall annually report <sup>1</sup>to the Director of the Division  
2 of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury the costs  
3 incurred by<sup>1</sup> the Department of <sup>1</sup>[Transportation's costs and the  
4 division's costs to the Office of Management and Budget]  
5 Transportation and the Division of Motor Vehicles to implement the  
6 provisions of this section<sup>1</sup>.

7 e. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to  
8 obtain law enforcement officer memorial license plates by including a  
9 notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting  
10 appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The  
11 notices, posters and signs shall be designed by the Superintendent of  
12 State Police after consulting with the State Police Benevolent  
13 Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the  
14 National Law Enforcement <sup>1</sup>Officers<sup>1</sup> Memorial <sup>1</sup>Fund, Inc<sup>1</sup>. The  
15 designs shall be subject to the approval of the director. The  
16 Superintendent shall supply the division with the notices, posters and  
17 signs to be circulated or posted by the division.

18 f. In the event that the average cost per license plate, as certified  
19 by the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight  
20 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee  
21 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal  
22 years, the director may discontinue the issuance of the law  
23 enforcement officer memorial license plate.

24  
25 <sup>2</sup>3. The State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal  
26 Order of Police, and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial  
27 Fund, Inc. shall contribute monies in an amount to be determined by  
28 the director, not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$50,000, to be  
29 used to offset the initial costs incurred by the division for producing,  
30 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of special license  
31 plates that commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in  
32 the line of duty in New Jersey. To help offset the initial costs incurred  
33 by the division for the special license plates authorized by this act,  
34 other law enforcement organizations and donors may assist by  
35 contributing monies to any of the three organizations listed herein.  
36 Any amount remaining after the payment of the initial costs shall be  
37 returned to the three contributing organizations.<sup>2</sup>

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39 <sup>2</sup>[3.] <sup>4</sup>2 Funds from the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund  
40 shall be annually appropriated <sup>2</sup>first to reimburse the amount  
41 contributed by those organizations pursuant to section 3 of this act,  
42 and then<sup>2</sup>:

43 a. to reimburse the Division of Motor Vehicles for all costs,  
44 including those costs associated with computer programming changes,  
45 incurred in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the  
46 availability of law enforcement officer memorial license plates;

1 b. to reimburse the Department of Transportation for the design  
2 and printing of notices, posters and signs to be utilized by the Division  
3 of Motor Vehicles; and

4 c. for the establishment of a scholarship program for the children  
5 of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty pursuant to  
6 section <sup>2</sup>[4] 5<sup>2</sup> of this act.

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8 <sup>2</sup>[4.] 5<sup>2</sup> a. There is created the Law Enforcement Officer  
9 Memorial Scholarships Program. These scholarships shall be awarded,  
10 pursuant to the provisions of this act, to the children of New Jersey  
11 law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. The New  
12 Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, in but not of  
13 the Department of State, and established pursuant to <sup>1</sup>[section 1 of  
14 P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:71A-28)] N.J.S.18A:71A-3<sup>1</sup>, shall administer  
15 this program.

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

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

36 d. A student who is subject to the provisions of the "Military  
37 Selective Service Act," 50 U.S.C. App.453, shall not be eligible to  
38 receive any scholarship without verification of compliance with the  
39 requirements of that act.

40 e. For the purposes of this act, "law enforcement officer" means a  
41 New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any  
42 federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency,  
43 department, or division of those governments who is statutorily  
44 empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction,  
45 detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of  
46 this State or of the United States and statutorily required to

1 successfully complete a training course approved by the Police  
2 Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et  
3 seq.), or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent  
4 to an approved course.

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6 <sup>2</sup>[5.] 6.<sup>2</sup> The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority  
7 shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative  
8 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to  
9 carry out the provisions of this act.

10  
11 <sup>2</sup>[16.] 7.<sup>2</sup> There shall be annually appropriated to the Higher  
12 Education Student Assistance Authority such sums as shall be  
13 necessary to administer the provisions of sections <sup>2</sup>[4] 5<sup>2</sup> and <sup>2</sup>[5] 6<sup>2</sup>  
14 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_)(now pending before the  
15 Legislature as this bill).<sup>1</sup>

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17 <sup>2</sup>8. The director and the organizations contributing monies  
18 pursuant to section 3 of this act shall enter into a memorandum of  
19 agreement setting forth the procedures to be followed by the division  
20 and the contributing organizations in carrying out the provisions of  
21 this act.<sup>2</sup>

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23 <sup>1</sup>[6.] <sup>2</sup>[7.1] 9.<sup>2</sup> This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>[on] immediately but  
24 shall remain inoperative until<sup>1</sup> the first day of the seventh month after  
25 enactment; except <sup>1</sup>that<sup>1</sup> the Commissioner of Transportation, the  
26 State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles  
27 may take such action in advance of <sup>1</sup>[the effective date] that day<sup>1</sup> as  
28 may be necessary for the timely implementation of this act.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
 [Second Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 165**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 2001

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Authorizes law enforcement officer memorial license plates for college scholarships for children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**Type of Impact:** New expenditure from General Fund offset by new revenue

**Agencies Affected:** Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<u><b>Year 1</b></u>	<u><b>Year 2</b></u>	<u><b>Year 3</b></u>
<b>State Cost</b>	\$50,000	Variable costs, revenue	Variable costs, revenue
<b>State Revenue</b>	\$50,000	See comments below	See comments below

- ! Authorizes issuance of special license plates by Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.
- ! Special plate application fee of \$50, and an annual renewal fee of \$10; these fees are in addition to fees otherwise charged for vehicle registration.
- ! Minimum first year revenue is the \$50,000 that would be contributed by law enforcement associations sponsoring the issuance of special plates. This contributed amount would be used to offset the initial DMV costs to produce, publicize and issue the special plates. Revenue would exceed the contributed amount based on demand for the plates. The costs and revenues in the second and third years also would be based on production runs needed to satisfy demand.
- ! Special license plate fees would be used to: (1) reimburse law enforcement associations contributing the initial amount to cover DMV startup costs; (2) provide the division with additional monies needed for any further production and issuance costs of the special plates; and (3) capitalize the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" which is established by this bill to provide financial assistance for undergraduate study at a public or private institution of higher education in New Jersey by children of law enforcement officers killed in the line

of duty.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill No. 165 (2R) of 2000 authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue special license plates to commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in New Jersey. Law enforcement associations sponsoring the issuance of these plates would contribute an amount, not to exceed \$50,000, to cover DMV startup costs associated with the production, issuance and advertisement of the availability of the special plates.

There would be an application fee of \$50 for the special plates and an annual renewal fee of \$10. These fees are in addition to fees otherwise charged for vehicle registration. The application and renewal fees would be used to: (1) reimburse the law enforcement associations for their contribution to cover DMV startup costs; (2) provide the division with additional monies needed for any further production and issuance costs of the special law enforcement memorial plates; and (3) capitalize the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" which is established by this bill to provide financial assistance for undergraduate study at a public or private institution of higher education in New Jersey by children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The Division of Motor Vehicles currently estimates that "cause" plates, e.g. Shore Protection, Animal Friendly, Cancer Research, etc. have the following costs: (1) about \$6 per set to produce; (2) about \$10,000 for marketing inserts and advertisements to alert drivers of the availability of new "cause" plates; and (3) about \$10,000 for one-time computer programming expenses. Therefore, given an initial production run of 5,000 plates costing about \$30,000 and expenses of \$20,000 for marketing and computer related activities, the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates an initial first-year cost of \$50,000 to produce and issue these special law enforcement memorial plates.

To offset these initial State costs, the division would receive the \$50,000 contribution from the sponsoring law enforcement associations to cover the estimated startup costs. In addition, the division would begin to receive revenues from the \$50 application fee, and the \$10 renewal fee. If an entire 5,000 initial license plate production run was issued in the first year, the State would receive \$250,000 in revenue. The subsequent allocation of \$50,000 from that revenue to reimburse the law enforcement associations for their contribution for DMV startup costs would make \$200,000 available for deposit in the "Law Enforcement Memorial Fund."

Future State costs and contributions to the fund would be dependent on the actual demand for these plates. Although OLS cannot estimate this demand, OLS would note that there are over 45,000 members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey who have a police affiliation. There are also about 4,300 members of the State Police Retirement System of New Jersey. Disregarding probable interest by the general public, if only 10 percent of the

members of these two police retirement systems were to purchase the special plates, then an initial production run of 5,000 plate sets could be sold the first year.

Section: *Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications*

Analyst: *Rusty Lachenauer*  
*Lead Fiscal Analyst*

Approved: *Alan R. Kooney*  
*Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1211

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman STEVE CORODEMUS**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Assemblyman GUY F. TALARICO**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes law enforcement officer memorial license plates for college scholarships for children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



A1211 CORODEMUS, TALARICO

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1 AN ACT authorizing law enforcement officer memorial license plates  
2 and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

3  
4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

6  
7 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Law  
8 Enforcement Officers' Memorial Scholarship Act of 1998."

9  
10 2. a. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for  
11 a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State special  
12 license plates bearing, in addition to the registration number and other  
13 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, an appropriate  
14 slogan and an emblem, to be designed by the Superintendent of State  
15 Police, in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association,  
16 the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the National Law  
17 Enforcement Officers Memorial, and approved by the Director of the  
18 Division of Motor Vehicles. These design features shall commemorate  
19 and honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in New  
20 Jersey.

21 b. Application for issuance of law enforcement officer memorial  
22 license plates shall be made to the director on such forms and in such  
23 manner as may be prescribed by the director. The director shall collect  
24 for each set of plates issued an application fee of \$50, and an annual  
25 renewal fee of \$10, in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law  
26 for the registration of motor vehicles.

27 c. Monies collected from all fees for law enforcement officer  
28 memorial license plates shall be deposited in a special account to be  
29 known as the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" to be  
30 established in the Department of the Treasury. Other funds made  
31 available to the State to support the provisions of this bill shall be  
32 deposited in this fund for use as set forth in this section. Interest or  
33 other income earned on monies deposited into the fund shall be  
34 credited to the fund for use as set forth in this section.

35 d. The director shall annually certify to the Attorney General the  
36 average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding  
37 year by the Division of Motor Vehicles in producing, issuing, renewing  
38 and publicizing the availability of law enforcement officer memorial  
39 license plates. The Attorney General shall annually report the  
40 Department of Law and Public Safety's costs and the division's costs  
41 to the Office of Management and Budget.

42 e. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to  
43 obtain law enforcement officer memorial license plates by including a  
44 notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting  
45 appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The  
46 notices, posters and signs shall be designed by the Superintendent of



A1211 CORODEMUS, TALARICO

1 State Police after consulting with the State Police Benevolent  
2 Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the  
3 National Law Enforcement Memorial. The designs shall be subject to  
4 the approval of the director. The Superintendent shall supply the  
5 division with the notices, posters and signs to be circulated or posted  
6 by the division.

7 f. In the event that the average cost per license plate, as certified  
8 by the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight  
9 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee  
10 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal  
11 years, the director may discontinue the issuance of the law  
12 enforcement officer memorial license plate.

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14 3. Funds from the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund shall  
15 be annually appropriated:

16 a. to reimburse the Division of Motor Vehicles for all costs,  
17 including those costs associated with computer programming changes,  
18 incurred in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the  
19 availability of law enforcement officer memorial license plates;

20 b. to reimburse the Department of Law and Public Safety for the  
21 design and printing of notices, posters and signs to be utilized by the  
22 Division of Motor Vehicles; and

23 c. for the establishment of a scholarship program for the children  
24 of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty pursuant to  
25 section 4 of this act.

26

27 4. a. There is created the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial  
28 Scholarships Program. These scholarships shall be awarded, pursuant  
29 to the provisions of this act, to the children of New Jersey law  
30 enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. The New  
31 Jersey Office of Student Assistance, in but not of the Department of  
32 the Treasury, and established pursuant to section 17 of P.L.1994, c.48  
33 (C.18A:3B-17), shall administer this program.

34 b. Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships shall be  
35 awarded annually within the limits of monies in the Law Enforcement  
36 Officer Memorial Fund, created pursuant to subsection c. of section 2  
37 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (now pending before the Legislature as  
38 Assembly Bill No. ), for undergraduate study leading to a  
39 baccalaureate degree or associate degree at any public or private  
40 institution of higher education in New Jersey.

41 c. The scholarships may be renewed annually for up to four years,  
42 except that each scholarship shall remain in effect only if the holder of  
43 the scholarship remains a full-time student in good standing at the  
44 institution and continues to meet the eligibility criteria and guidelines  
45 established under this act and regulations promulgated thereto.  
46 Selection of recipients may take into account the actual dependency of

1 the recipients, their needs and means, and the pecuniary loss  
2 occasioned by reason of the death of their parents.

3 d. A student who is subject to the provisions of the "Military  
4 Selective Service Act," 50 U.S.C. App.453, shall not be eligible to  
5 receive any scholarship without verification of compliance with the  
6 requirements of that act.

7 e. For the purposes of this act, "law enforcement officer" means a  
8 New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any  
9 federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency,  
10 department, or division of those governments who is statutorily  
11 empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction,  
12 detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of  
13 this State or of the United States and statutorily required to  
14 successfully complete a training course approved by the Police  
15 Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et  
16 seq.), or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent  
17 to an approved course.

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19 5. The Executive Director of Student Assistance Programs in the  
20 Office of Student Assistance shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant  
21 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1  
22 et seq.), necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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24 6. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month  
25 after enactment; except the Attorney General, the State Treasurer and  
26 the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may take such action  
27 in advance of the effective date as may be necessary for the timely  
28 implementation of this act.

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#### STATEMENT

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33 This bill establishes a scholarship program for the children of law  
34 enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. More than 300 New  
35 Jersey law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty,  
36 about half of whom have been killed since 1960. This bill is intended  
37 to honor these officers.

38 It would provide tuition assistance to their children who attend  
39 New Jersey institutions of higher learning. The scholarship program  
40 would be administered by the Office of Student Assistance in but not  
41 of, the Department of The Treasury. This program would be funded  
42 by the sale of special license plates honoring the fallen officers. Each  
43 set of plates will bear an additional application fee of \$50 to support  
44 the scholarship program.

45 Children of State and local police, correctional officers and federal  
46 law enforcement officers would be eligible for the scholarships.

# ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 1211**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2000

The Assembly Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 1211.

This bill establishes a scholarship program for the surviving children of certain New Jersey law enforcement officers.

The program would provide assistance for undergraduate study at a public or private institution of higher education in New Jersey to the children of New Jersey law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty. The bill defines "law enforcement officer" as

a New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency, department, or division of those governments who is statutorily empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction, detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of this State or of the United States and statutorily required to successfully complete a training course approved by the Police Training Commission . . . or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent to an approved course.

The scholarship program would be administered by the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. The amount of any scholarship could not exceed the portion of a recipient's cost of attendance, at the particular undergraduate institution in which the recipient is enrolled, that is not otherwise covered by other student aid programs administered by the authority. Selection of recipients could take into account their relative need and means.

The program would be funded by the sale of special license plates honoring the deceased officers, the receipts from which would be deposited into a "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund," in the Department of the Treasury, created pursuant to this bill. The license plates are to be designed by the Superintendent of State Police in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police, and the staff of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc. (a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing support for the law enforcement profession by

commemorating the service of law enforcement officers). The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles is to be responsible for approving the design and issuing the plates.

Each set of plates would be subject to an initial application fee of \$50 and an annual renewal fee of \$10, both fees in addition to the regular fees prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

The committee amended the bill to: (1) provide for coordination of scholarship awards with student aid under other programs administered by the Higher Educational Student Assistance Authority; (2) make various technical changes to correct references and clarify the wording of the legislation; and (3) require that the State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police, and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc. contribute an amount, as determined by the director, but not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$50,000, that is to be used to initially produce and issue the license plates. In addition, other law enforcement organizations and donors could assist by contributing monies to any of the three organizations listed herein for the purposes noted. Receipts from license plate fees would first be used: (1) to reimburse the organizations contributing the amount needed to offset the initial costs of the division; (2) then to reimburse the division for additional costs incurred to continue to produce and issue the special memorial license plates; and the Department of Transportation for certain administrative expenses, and (3) then to support the scholarship program for children of New Jersey law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Assembly Bill No. 1211 as amended by the committee is identical to Senate Bill No. 165(1R) as amended and reported by the committee today.

Technical review was performed on this pre-filed bill, and the changes required by technical review have been made, as required under Joint Rule 18A of the Senate and General Assembly.

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1211**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman STEVE CORODEMUS**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Assemblyman GUY F. TALARICO**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

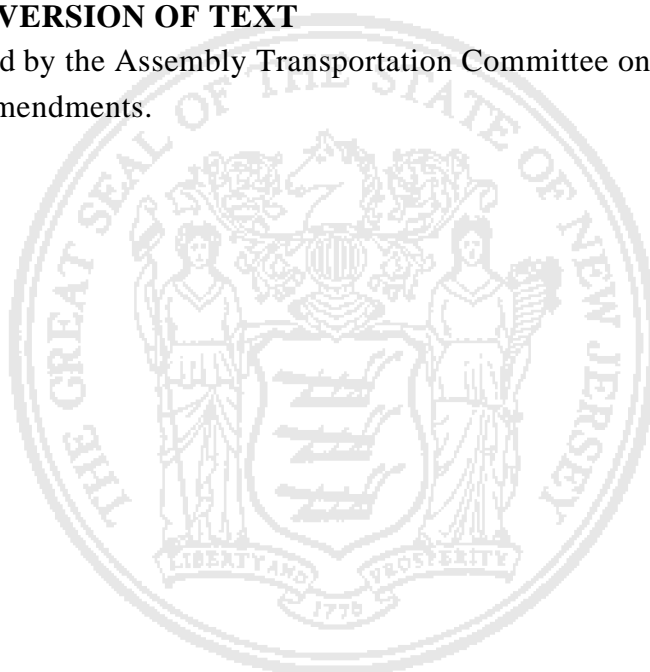
**Assemblymen Greenwald and R.Smith**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes law enforcement officer memorial license plates for college scholarships for children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Transportation Committee on November 13, 2000, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/30/2001)**

1 AN ACT authorizing law enforcement officer memorial license plates  
2 <sup>1</sup>[and],<sup>1</sup> supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised  
3 Statutes <sup>1</sup>and subtitle 12A of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
4 Statutes<sup>1</sup>.

5  
6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

8  
9 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Law  
10 Enforcement Officers' Memorial Scholarship Act of <sup>1</sup>[1998]2000<sup>1</sup>."

11  
12 2. a. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for  
13 a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State special  
14 license plates bearing, in addition to the registration number and other  
15 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, an appropriate  
16 slogan and an emblem, to be designed by the Superintendent of State  
17 Police, in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association,  
18 the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the National Law  
19 Enforcement Officers Memorial <sup>1</sup>Fund, Inc.<sup>1</sup>, and approved by the  
20 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles. These design features  
21 shall commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in the  
22 line of duty in New Jersey.

23 b. Application for issuance of law enforcement officer memorial  
24 license plates shall be made to the director on such forms and in such  
25 manner as may be prescribed by the director. The director shall collect  
26 for each set of plates issued an application fee of \$50, and an annual  
27 renewal fee of \$10, in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law  
28 for the registration of motor vehicles.

29 c. Monies collected from all fees for law enforcement officer  
30 memorial license plates shall be deposited in a special account to be  
31 known as the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" to be  
32 established in the Department of the Treasury. Other funds made  
33 available to the State to support the provisions of this <sup>1</sup>[bill] act<sup>1</sup> shall  
34 be deposited in this fund for use as set forth in this <sup>1</sup>[section] act<sup>1</sup>.  
35 Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into the fund  
36 shall be credited to the fund for use as set forth in this <sup>1</sup>[section] act<sup>1</sup>.

37 d. The director shall annually certify to the <sup>1</sup>[Attorney General]  
38 Commissioner of Transportation<sup>1</sup> the average cost per license plate  
39 incurred in the immediately preceding year by the Division of Motor  
40 Vehicles in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the  
41 availability of law enforcement officer memorial license plates. The

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted November 13, 2000.

1 <sup>1</sup>[Attorney General] Commissioner of Transportation<sup>1</sup> shall annually  
2 report <sup>1</sup>to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in  
3 the Department of the Treasury the costs incurred by<sup>1</sup> the Department  
4 of <sup>1</sup>[Law and Public Safety's costs and the division's costs to the  
5 Office of Management and Budget] Transportation and the Division  
6 of Motor Vehicles to implement the provisions of this section<sup>1</sup>.

7 e. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to  
8 obtain law enforcement officer memorial license plates by including a  
9 notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting  
10 appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The  
11 notices, posters and signs shall be designed by the Superintendent of  
12 State Police after consulting with the State Police Benevolent  
13 Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the  
14 National Law Enforcement <sup>1</sup>Officers<sup>1</sup> Memorial <sup>1</sup>Fund, Inc<sup>1</sup>. The  
15 designs shall be subject to the approval of the director. The  
16 Superintendent shall supply the division with the notices, posters and  
17 signs to be circulated or posted by the division.

18 f. In the event that the average cost per license plate, as certified  
19 by the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight  
20 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee  
21 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal  
22 years, the director may discontinue the issuance of the law  
23 enforcement officer memorial license plate.

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25 <sup>1</sup>3. The State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal  
26 Order of Police, and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial  
27 Fund, Inc. shall contribute monies in an amount to be determined by  
28 the director, not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$50,000, to be  
29 used to offset the initial costs incurred by the division for producing,  
30 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of special license  
31 plates that commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in  
32 the line of duty in New Jersey. To help offset the initial costs incurred  
33 by the division for the special license plates authorized by this act,  
34 other law enforcement organizations and donors may assist by  
35 contributing monies to any of the three organizations listed herein.  
36 Any amount remaining after the payment of the initial costs shall be  
37 returned to the three contributing organizations.<sup>1</sup>

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39 <sup>1</sup>[3.] <sup>4.</sup><sup>1</sup> Funds from the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund  
40 shall be annually appropriated <sup>1</sup>first to reimburse the amount  
41 contributed by those organizations pursuant to section 3 of this act,  
42 and then<sup>1</sup>:

43 a. to reimburse the Division of Motor Vehicles for all costs,  
44 including those costs associated with computer programming changes,  
45 incurred in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the  
46 availability of law enforcement officer memorial license plates;

1 b. to reimburse the Department of <sup>1</sup>[Law and Public Safety]  
2 Transportation<sup>1</sup> for the design and printing of notices, posters and  
3 signs to be utilized by the Division of Motor Vehicles; and

4 c. for the establishment of a scholarship program for the children  
5 of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty pursuant to  
6 section <sup>1</sup>[4] 5<sup>1</sup> of this act.

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8 <sup>1</sup>[4.] 5.<sup>1</sup> a. There is created the Law Enforcement Officer  
9 Memorial Scholarships Program. These scholarships shall be awarded,  
10 pursuant to the provisions of this act, to the children of New Jersey  
11 law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. The New  
12 Jersey <sup>1</sup>[Office of Student Assistance] Higher Education Student  
13 Assistance Authority<sup>1</sup>, in but not of the Department of <sup>1</sup>[the  
14 Treasury] State<sup>1</sup>, and established pursuant to <sup>1</sup>[section 17 of  
15 P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-17)] N.J.S.18A:71A-3<sup>1</sup>, shall administer  
16 this program.

17 b. Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships shall be  
18 awarded annually within the limits of monies in the Law Enforcement  
19 Officer Memorial Fund, created pursuant to subsection c. of section 2  
20 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (now pending before the Legislature as  
21 <sup>1</sup>[Assembly Bill No.] this bill<sup>1</sup>), for undergraduate study leading to a  
22 baccalaureate degree or associate degree at any public or private  
23 institution of higher education in New Jersey. <sup>1</sup>The amount of any  
24 such scholarship shall not exceed an amount equal to the portion of the  
25 recipient's cost of attendance at the institution that is not otherwise  
26 covered by any other scholarship, tuition aid grant, benefit or other  
27 assistance awarded to the recipient under the "Higher Education  
28 Student Assistance Authority Law," N.J.S.18A:71A-1 et seq.<sup>1</sup>

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

41 e. For the purposes of this act, "law enforcement officer" means a  
42 New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any  
43 federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency,  
44 department, or division of those governments who is statutorily  
45 empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction,  
46 detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of



1 this State or of the United States and statutorily required to  
2 successfully complete a training course approved by the Police  
3 Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et  
4 seq.), or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent  
5 to an approved course.

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7 <sup>1</sup>[5.] 6.<sup>1</sup> The <sup>1</sup>[Executive Director of Student Assistance Programs  
8 in the Office of Student Assistance] Higher Education Student  
9 Assistance Authority<sup>1</sup> shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the  
10 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
11 seq.), necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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13 <sup>1</sup>7. There shall be annually appropriated to the Higher Education  
14 Student Assistance Authority such sums as shall be necessary to  
15 administer the provisions of sections 5 and 6 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
16 (now pending before the Legislature as this bill).<sup>1</sup>

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18 <sup>1</sup>8. The director and the organizations contributing monies  
19 pursuant to section 3 of this act shall enter into a memorandum of  
20 agreement setting forth the procedures to be followed by the division  
21 and the contributing organizations in carrying out the provisions of  
22 this act.<sup>1</sup>

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24 <sup>1</sup>[6.] 9.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>[on] immediately but shall  
25 remain inoperative until<sup>1</sup> the first day of the seventh month after  
26 enactment; except <sup>1</sup>that<sup>1</sup> the <sup>1</sup>[Attorney General] Commissioner of  
27 Transportation<sup>1</sup>, the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division  
28 of Motor Vehicles may take such action in advance of <sup>1</sup>[the effective  
29 date] that day<sup>1</sup> as may be necessary for the timely implementation of  
30 this act.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## ASSEMBLY, No. 1211

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 209th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 15, 2001

#### SUMMARY

**Synopsis:** Authorizes law enforcement officer memorial license plates for college scholarships for children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**Type of Impact:** New expenditure from General Fund offset by new revenue

**Agencies Affected:** Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
<b>State Cost</b>	\$50,000	Variable costs, revenue	Variable costs, revenue
<b>State Revenue</b>	\$50,000	See comments below	See comments below

- ! Authorizes issuance of special license plates by Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.
- ! Special plate application fee of \$50, and an annual renewal fee of \$10; these fees are in addition to fees otherwise charged for vehicle registration.
- ! Minimum first year revenue is the \$50,000 that would be contributed by law enforcement associations sponsoring the issuance of special plates. This contributed amount would be used to offset the initial DMV costs to produce, publicize and issue the special plates. Revenue would exceed the contributed amount based on demand for the plates. The costs and revenues in the second and third years also would be based on production runs needed to satisfy demand.
- ! Special license plate fees would be used to: (1) reimburse law enforcement associations contributing the initial amount to cover DMV startup costs; (2) provide the division with additional monies needed for any further production and issuance costs of the special plates; and (3) capitalize the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" which is established by this bill to provide financial assistance for undergraduate study at a public or private institution of higher education in New Jersey by children of law enforcement officers killed in the line

of duty.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

Assembly Bill No. 1211 (1R) of 2000 authorizes the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue special license plates to commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in New Jersey. Law enforcement associations sponsoring the issuance of these plates would contribute an amount, not to exceed \$50,000, to cover DMV startup costs associated with the production, issuance and advertisement of the availability of the special plates.

There would be an application fee of \$50 for the special plates and an annual renewal fee of \$10. These fees are in addition to fees otherwise charged for vehicle registration. The application and renewal fees would be used to: (1) reimburse the law enforcement associations for their contribution to cover DMV startup costs; (2) provide the division with additional monies needed for any further production and issuance costs of the special law enforcement memorial plates; and (3) capitalize the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" which is established by this bill to provide financial assistance for undergraduate study at a public or private institution of higher education in New Jersey by children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The Division of Motor Vehicles currently estimates that "cause" plates, e.g. Shore Protection, Animal Friendly, Cancer Research, etc. have the following costs: (1) about \$6 per set to produce; (2) about \$10,000 for marketing inserts and advertisements to alert drivers of the availability of new "cause" plates; and (3) about \$10,000 for one-time computer programming expenses. Therefore, given an initial production run of 5,000 plates costing about \$30,000 and expenses of \$20,000 for marketing and computer related activities, the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates an initial first-year cost of \$50,000 to produce and issue these special law enforcement memorial plates.

To offset these initial State costs, the division would receive the \$50,000 contribution from the sponsoring law enforcement associations to cover the estimated startup costs. In addition, the division would begin to receive revenues from the \$50 application fee, and the \$10 renewal fee. If an entire 5,000 initial license plate production run was issued in the first year, the State would receive \$250,000 in revenue. The subsequent allocation of \$50,000 from that revenue to reimburse the law enforcement associations for their contribution for DMV startup costs would make \$200,000 available for deposit in the "Law Enforcement Memorial Fund."

Future State costs and contributions to the fund would be dependent on the actual demand for these plates. Although OLS cannot estimate this demand, OLS would note that there are over 45,000 members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System of New Jersey who have a police affiliation. There are also about 4,300 members of the State Police Retirement System of New Jersey. Disregarding probable interest by the general public, if only 10 percent of the

members of these two police retirement systems were to purchase the special plates, then an initial production run of 5,000 plate sets could be sold the first year.

Section: *Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications*

Analyst: *Rusty Lachenauer*  
*Lead Fiscal Analyst*

Approved: *Alan R. Kooney*  
*Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

§§2-4,8 -  
C.39:3-27.123  
to 39:3-27.126  
§§1,5-7 -  
C.18A:71B-24.1  
to 18A:71B-24.4  
§9 - Note to §§1-8

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 41, *approved March 27, 2001*  
Senate, No. 165 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT authorizing law enforcement officer memorial license plates  
2 <sup>1</sup>[and],<sup>1</sup> supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised  
3 Statutes <sup>1</sup>and subtitle 12A of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
4 Statutes<sup>1</sup>.

5  
6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

8  
9 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Law  
10 Enforcement Officers' Memorial Scholarship Act of 2000."

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12 2. a. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for  
13 a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State special  
14 license plates bearing, in addition to the registration number and other  
15 markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, an appropriate  
16 slogan and an emblem, to be designed by the Superintendent of State  
17 Police, in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association,  
18 the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the National Law  
19 Enforcement Officers Memorial <sup>1</sup>Fund, Inc.<sup>1</sup>, and approved by the  
20 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles. These design features  
21 shall commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in the  
22 line of duty in New Jersey.

23 b. Application for issuance of law enforcement officer memorial  
24 license plates shall be made to the director on such forms and in such  
25 manner as may be prescribed by the director. The director shall collect  
26 for each set of plates issued an application fee of \$50, and an annual  
27 renewal fee of \$10, in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law  
28 for the registration of motor vehicles.

29 c. Monies collected from all fees for law enforcement officer  
30 memorial license plates shall be deposited in a special account to be  
31 known as the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" to be  
32 established in the Department of the Treasury. Other funds made  
33 available to the State to support the provisions of this act shall be  
34 deposited in this fund for use as set forth in this <sup>1</sup>[section] act<sup>1</sup>.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Senate SBA committee amendments adopted February 10, 2000.

<sup>2</sup> Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted November 13, 2000.

1 Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into the fund  
2 shall be credited to the fund for use as set forth in this <sup>1</sup>[section] act<sup>1</sup>.

3 d. The director shall annually certify to the Commissioner of  
4 Transportation the average cost per license plate incurred in the  
5 immediately preceding year by the Division of Motor Vehicles in  
6 producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability of law  
7 enforcement officer memorial license plates. The Commissioner of  
8 Transportation shall annually report <sup>1</sup>to the Director of the Division  
9 of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury the costs  
10 incurred by<sup>1</sup> the Department of <sup>1</sup>[Transportation's costs and the  
11 division's costs to the Office of Management and Budget]  
12 Transportation and the Division of Motor Vehicles to implement the  
13 provisions of this section<sup>1</sup>.

14 e. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to  
15 obtain law enforcement officer memorial license plates by including a  
16 notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting  
17 appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The  
18 notices, posters and signs shall be designed by the Superintendent of  
19 State Police after consulting with the State Police Benevolent  
20 Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the  
21 National Law Enforcement <sup>1</sup>Officers<sup>1</sup> Memorial <sup>1</sup>Fund, Inc<sup>1</sup>. The  
22 designs shall be subject to the approval of the director. The  
23 Superintendent shall supply the division with the notices, posters and  
24 signs to be circulated or posted by the division.

25 f. In the event that the average cost per license plate, as certified  
26 by the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight  
27 Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee  
28 established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal  
29 years, the director may discontinue the issuance of the law  
30 enforcement officer memorial license plate.

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32 <sup>2</sup>3. The State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal  
33 Order of Police, and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial  
34 Fund, Inc. shall contribute monies in an amount to be determined by  
35 the director, not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$50,000, to be  
36 used to offset the initial costs incurred by the division for producing,  
37 issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of special license  
38 plates that commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in  
39 the line of duty in New Jersey. To help offset the initial costs incurred  
40 by the division for the special license plates authorized by this act,  
41 other law enforcement organizations and donors may assist by  
42 contributing monies to any of the three organizations listed herein.  
43 Any amount remaining after the payment of the initial costs shall be  
44 returned to the three contributing organizations.<sup>2</sup>

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46 <sup>2</sup>[3.] 4.<sup>2</sup> Funds from the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund

1 shall be annually appropriated <sup>2</sup>first to reimburse the amount  
2 contributed by those organizations pursuant to section 3 of this act,  
3 and then<sup>2</sup>:

4 a. to reimburse the Division of Motor Vehicles for all costs,  
5 including those costs associated with computer programming changes,  
6 incurred in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the  
7 availability of law enforcement officer memorial license plates;

8 b. to reimburse the Department of Transportation for the design  
9 and printing of notices, posters and signs to be utilized by the Division  
10 of Motor Vehicles; and

11 c. for the establishment of a scholarship program for the children  
12 of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty pursuant to  
13 section <sup>2</sup>[4] 5<sup>2</sup> of this act.

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15 <sup>2</sup>[4.] 5.<sup>2</sup> a. There is created the Law Enforcement Officer  
16 Memorial Scholarships Program. These scholarships shall be awarded,  
17 pursuant to the provisions of this act, to the children of New Jersey  
18 law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. The New  
19 Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, in but not of  
20 the Department of State, and established pursuant to <sup>1</sup>[section 1 of  
21 P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:71A-28)] N.J.S.18A:71A-3<sup>1</sup>, shall administer  
22 this program.

23 b. Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships shall be  
24 awarded annually within the limits of monies in the Law Enforcement  
25 Officer Memorial Fund, created pursuant to subsection c. of section 2  
26 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (now pending before the Legislature as this  
27 bill), for undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree or  
28 associate degree at any public or private institution of higher education  
29 in New Jersey. <sup>1</sup>The amount of any such scholarship shall not exceed  
30 an amount equal to the portion of the recipient's cost of attendance at  
31 the institution that is not otherwise covered by any other scholarship,  
32 tuition aid grant, benefit or other assistance awarded to the recipient  
33 under the "Higher Education Student Assistance Authority Law,"  
34 N.J.S.18A:71A-1 et seq.<sup>1</sup>

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

43 d. A student who is subject to the provisions of the "Military  
44 Selective Service Act," 50 U.S.C. App.453, shall not be eligible to  
45 receive any scholarship without verification of compliance with the  
46 requirements of that act.

1 e. For the purposes of this act, "law enforcement officer" means a  
 2 New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any  
 3 federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency,  
 4 department, or division of those governments who is statutorily  
 5 empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction,  
 6 detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of  
 7 this State or of the United States and statutorily required to  
 8 successfully complete a training course approved by the Police  
 9 Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et  
 10 seq.), or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent  
 11 to an approved course.

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 13 <sup>2</sup>[5.] 6.<sup>2</sup> The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority  
 14 shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative  
 15 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to  
 16 carry out the provisions of this act.

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 18 <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>6.] 7.<sup>2</sup> There shall be annually appropriated to the Higher  
 19 Education Student Assistance Authority such sums as shall be  
 20 necessary to administer the provisions of sections <sup>2</sup>[4] 5<sup>2</sup> and <sup>2</sup>[5] 6<sup>2</sup>  
 21 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_)(now pending before the  
 22 Legislature as this bill).<sup>1</sup>

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 24 <sup>2</sup>8. The director and the organizations contributing monies  
 25 pursuant to section 3 of this act shall enter into a memorandum of  
 26 agreement setting forth the procedures to be followed by the division  
 27 and the contributing organizations in carrying out the provisions of  
 28 this act.<sup>2</sup>

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 30 <sup>1</sup>[6.] <sup>2</sup>[<sup>7.</sup><sup>1</sup>] 9.<sup>2</sup> This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>[on] immediately but  
 31 shall remain inoperative until<sup>1</sup> the first day of the seventh month after  
 32 enactment; except <sup>1</sup>that<sup>1</sup> the Commissioner of Transportation, the  
 33 State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles  
 34 may take such action in advance of <sup>1</sup>[the effective date] that day<sup>1</sup> as  
 35 may be necessary for the timely implementation of this act.

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 41 Authorizes law enforcement officer memorial license plates for college  
 42 scholarships for children of law enforcement officers killed in the line  
 of duty.



## CHAPTER 41

AN ACT authorizing law enforcement officer memorial license plates, supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and subtitle 12A of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:71B-24.1 Short title.

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Scholarship Act of 2000."

C.39:3-27.123 Law enforcement officer memorial license plates; "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund."

2. a. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may issue for a motor vehicle owned or leased and registered in the State special license plates bearing, in addition to the registration number and other markings or identification otherwise prescribed by law, an appropriate slogan and an emblem, to be designed by the Superintendent of State Police, in consultation with the State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc., and approved by the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles. These design features shall commemorate and honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in New Jersey.

b. Application for issuance of law enforcement officer memorial license plates shall be made to the director on such forms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the director. The director shall collect for each set of plates issued an application fee of \$50, and an annual renewal fee of \$10, in addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

c. Monies collected from all fees for law enforcement officer memorial license plates shall be deposited in a special account to be known as the "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund" to be established in the Department of the Treasury. Other funds made available to the State to support the provisions of this act shall be deposited in this fund for use as set forth in this act. Interest or other income earned on monies deposited into the fund shall be credited to the fund for use as set forth in this act.

d. The director shall annually certify to the Commissioner of Transportation the average cost per license plate incurred in the immediately preceding year by the Division of Motor Vehicles in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability of law enforcement officer memorial license plates. The Commissioner of Transportation shall annually report to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury the costs incurred by the Department of Transportation and the Division of Motor Vehicles to implement the provisions of this section.

e. The director shall notify eligible motorists of the opportunity to obtain law enforcement officer memorial license plates by including a notice with all motor vehicle registration renewals, and by posting appropriate posters or signs in all division facilities and offices. The notices, posters and signs shall be designed by the Superintendent of State Police after consulting with the State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police and the staff of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc. The designs shall be subject to the approval of the director. The Superintendent shall supply the division with the notices, posters and signs to be circulated or posted by the division.

f. In the event that the average cost per license plate, as certified by the director and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor, is greater than the \$50 application fee established in subsection b. of this section in two consecutive fiscal years, the director may discontinue the issuance of the law enforcement officer memorial license plate.

C.39:3-27.124 Contributions to offset initial costs for law enforcement officer memorial license plates.

3. The State Police Benevolent Association, the State Fraternal Order of Police, and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc. shall contribute monies in an amount to be determined by the director, not to exceed an aggregate amount of \$50,000, to be used to offset the initial costs incurred by the division for producing, issuing, renewing, and publicizing the availability of special license plates that commemorate and honor law enforcement officers

killed in the line of duty in New Jersey. To help offset the initial costs incurred by the division for the special license plates authorized by this act, other law enforcement organizations and donors may assist by contributing monies to any of the three organizations listed herein. Any amount remaining after the payment of the initial costs shall be returned to the three contributing organizations.

C.39:3-27.125 Use of appropriated funds.

4. Funds from the Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund shall be annually appropriated first to reimburse the amount contributed by those organizations pursuant to section 3 of this act, and then:

- a. to reimburse the Division of Motor Vehicles for all costs, including those costs associated with computer programming changes, incurred in producing, issuing, renewing and publicizing the availability of law enforcement officer memorial license plates;
- b. to reimburse the Department of Transportation for the design and printing of notices, posters and signs to be utilized by the Division of Motor Vehicles; and
- c. for the establishment of a scholarship program for the children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty pursuant to section 5 of this act.

C.18A:71B-24.2 Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Scholarships Program.

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

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

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

d. A student who is subject to the provisions of the "Military Selective Service Act," 50 U.S.C. App.453, shall not be eligible to receive any scholarship without verification of compliance with the requirements of that act.

e. For the purposes of this act, "law enforcement officer" means a New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time member of any federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement agency, department, or division of those governments who is statutorily empowered to act for the detection, investigation, arrest, conviction, detention, or rehabilitation of persons violating the criminal laws of this State or of the United States and statutorily required to successfully complete a training course approved by the Police Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.), or certified by the commission as being substantially equivalent to an approved course.

C.18A:71B-24.3 Rules, regulations.

6. The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

C.18A:71B-24.4 Annual appropriation.

7. There shall be annually appropriated to the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority such sums as shall be necessary to administer the provisions of sections 5 and 6 of P.L.2001, 41 (C.18A:71B-24.2 and 18A:71B-24.3).

C.39:3-27.126 Memorandum of agreement.

8. The director and the organizations contributing monies pursuant to section 3 of this act shall enter into a memorandum of agreement setting forth the procedures to be followed by the division and the contributing organizations in carrying out the provisions of this act.

9. This act shall take effect immediately but shall remain inoperative until the first day of the seventh month after enactment; except that the Commissioner of Transportation, the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may take such action in advance of that day as may be necessary for the timely implementation of this act.

Approved March 27, 2001.

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**DiFrancesco Honors Families of Slain Law Enforcement Officers**  
*Signs Bill Creating Scholarship Fund for Children of Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the Line of Duty*

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco today signed legislation authorizing state license plates to raise college scholarship funds for the children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The bill signing followed a Blue Mass memorial service at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Trenton in honor of these fallen heroes.

"This license plate-the first in the nation to recognize law enforcement - will pay tribute to those who died in the line of duty and remind us that public safety carries a high price. It is great relief for the families of college-bound children, but it's also a quiet tribute and a daily reminder," remarked DiFrancesco.

"The scholarships will go a long way to relieve the pressure on families who have already sacrificed so much," continued DiFrancesco.

The proceeds from the sale of the newly created license plates, which carry an additional \$50 application fee, will be used for college scholarships for the children of state and local police, correctional officers and federal law enforcement officers provided the students are enrolled in a New Jersey college or university. The State Police Benevolent Association (PBA), State Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc. will jointly contribute \$50,000 to offset the initial costs of producing the plates.

The Acting Governor recognized Maureen King and Lieutenant Jim Wan Etten of the Belmar Police Department for their efforts in support of the law-enforcement plates. Mrs. King championed the bill in honor of her late husband, Long Branch Sergeant Patrick King, who was killed in the line of duty.

The legislation, S-165, was sponsored by Senators Joe Palaia (R-Monmouth) and John Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester), and Assemblymen Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth) and Guy Talarico (R-Bergen). It was also supported by the New Jersey PBA and FOP, in addition to two associations comprised of survivors of those killed in the line of duty -- Garden State COPS and Survivors of the Triangle.