18A:62-24

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NJSA: 18A:62-24 (Tuition free credits-National Guard)

BILL NO: S141/1054 (Substituted for A521/365 (ACS)

SPONSOR(S): Bark, Matheussen and Martin

DATE INTRODUCED: January 11, 2000

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Education

SENATE: Education

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: December 11, 2000

SENATE: October 23, 2000

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 29, 2001

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Senate Committee Substitute for S141 and S1054 enacted)

(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

S141/1054

SPONSORS STATEMENT (S141): (Begins on page 3 of original bill)
Yes

SPONSORS STATEMENT (S1054): (Begins on page 3 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A365/521

SPONSORS STATEMENT (A365): (Begins on page 3 of original bill) Yes **SPONSORS STATEMENT (A521):** (Begins on page 3 of original bill) Yes Bill and Sponsor's statement identical to S141 **COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** ASSEMBLY: Yes 11-9-00 (Commerce) 11-13-00 (Education) SENATE: No **ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE:** Yes FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No **VETO MESSAGE:** No **GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** Yes **FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:** To check for circulating copies, contact New Jersey State Government Publications at the State Library (609) 278-2640 ext.103 or mailto:refdesk@njstatelib.org **REPORTS:** No **HEARINGS**: No **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES:** No

SENATE, No. 141

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator MARTHA W. BARK
District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)
Senator ROBERT W. SINGER
District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Connors, Allen and Bucco

SYNOPSIS

Increases number of tuition-free credits that a member of the National Guard may earn in undergraduate study and extends credits to graduate study.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



AN ACT concerning tuition assistance for members of the New Jersey 1 2 National Guard and amending P.L.1999, c.46.

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

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- 7 1. Section 21 of P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:62-24) is amended to read 8 as follows:
- 9 21. Any member of the New Jersey National Guard shall be 10 permitted to attend regularly-scheduled courses at any public 11 institution of higher education in this State enumerated in 12 N.J.S.18A:62-1 and receive up to [12] 15 credits per semester tuition-free provided that: 13
- 14 a. the member has completed Initial Active Duty Training and is in good standing as an active member of the New Jersey National Guard;
- 16 the member has been accepted to pursue a course of 17 undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is 18 enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution; 19
 - c. the member has applied for all available State student grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and scholarships for which the member is eligible; and
 - d. available classroom space permits and tuition-paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course.
- 25 (cf: P.L.1999, c.46, s.21)

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- 27 2. Section 22 of P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:62-25) is amended to read 28 as follows:
- 29 22. Any child or surviving spouse of a member of the New Jersey 30 National Guard who heretofore completed Initial Active Duty Training and was killed in the performance of his duties while on active duty 31 with the New Jersey National Guard, or who hereafter completes 32 33 Initial Active Duty Training and is killed in the performance of his 34 duties while a member of the New Jersey National Guard, shall be 35 permitted to attend regularly-scheduled courses at any public institution of higher education in this State enumerated in 36 N.J.S.18A:62-1 and receive up to [12] 15 credits per semester 37
- 38 tuition-free provided that: 39
- a. the child or spouse has been accepted to pursue a course of 40 undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in 41 good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is 42 enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;
- 43 b. the child or spouse has applied for all available State student

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grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and 1 2 scholarships for which the child or spouse is eligible; and 3 c. available classroom space permits and tuition-paying students 4 constitute the minimum number required for the course. 5 (cf: P.L.1999, c.46, s.22) 6 7 3. This act shall take effect immediately. 8 9 **STATEMENT** 10 11 This bill increases the number of tuition-free credits that a member 12 13 of the New Jersey National Guard or the surviving child or spouse of 14 a member killed in the performance of his duties may earn at a public 15 institution of higher education from 12 credits to 15 credits. The bill also makes the tuition-free credits applicable to a course of graduate 16 17 study undertaken by the member or the member's surviving child or 18 spouse.

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE, Nos. 141 and 1054

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator MARTHA W. BARK

District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)

Senator JOHN J. MATHEUSSEN

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Connors, Allen, Bucco, Kosco, Assemblymen Bodine, Chatzidakis, Conners, Conaway, Felice, Assemblywomen Weinberg and Previte

SYNOPSIS

Increases number of tuition-free credits that a member of the National Guard may earn in undergraduate study and extends credits to graduate study.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Education Committee.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/12/2000)

AN ACT concerning tuition assistance for members of the New Jersey 1 2 National Guard and amending P.L.1999, c.46.

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- 14 a. the member has completed Initial Active Duty Training and is in good standing as an active member of the New Jersey National 15 16 Guard:
- b. the member has been accepted to pursue a course of 18 undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;
 - c. the member has applied for all available State student grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and scholarships for which the member is eligible; and
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- (cf: P.L.1999, c.46, s.21) 26

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- 39 tuition-free provided that: 40 a. the child or spouse has been accepted to pursue a course of 41 undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in 42 good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is
- 43 enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;

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b. the child or spouse has applied for all available State student
grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and
scholarships for which the child or spouse is eligible; and
c. available classroom space permits and tuition-paying students
constitute the minimum number required for the course.
(cf: P.L.1999, c.46, s.22)

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3. This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, Nos. 141 and 1054**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports a Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 141 and 1054.

This committee substitute increases the number of tuition-free credits that a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the surviving child or spouse of a member killed in the performance of his duties may earn at a public institution of higher education from 12 credits to 15 credits. The substitute also makes the tuition-free credits applicable to a course of graduate study undertaken by the member or the member's surviving child or spouse.

In order to qualify for the tuition-free credits, the following conditions would apply: 1) the person must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in good standing; 2) the person must have applied for all available State and federal student grants and scholarships for which the person is eligible; and 3) there must be available classroom space, and tuition-paying students must constitute the minimum number required for the course.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE, Nos. 141 and 1054

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2000

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 141 and 1054.

This bill increases the number of tuition-free credits that a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the surviving child or spouse of a member killed in the performance of his duties may earn at a public institution of higher education from 12 credits to 15 credits. The bill also makes the tuition-free credits applicable to a course of graduate study undertaken by the member or the member's surviving child or spouse.

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As reported by committee this bill is identical to the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 521 and 365.

ASSEMBLY, No. 521

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman FRANCIS L. BODINE
District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)
Assemblyman LARRY CHATZIDAKIS
District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by: Assemblyman Felice

SYNOPSIS

Increases number of tuition-free credits that a member of the National Guard may earn in undergraduate study and extends credits to graduate study.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning tuition assistance for members of the New Jersey 2 National Guard and amending P.L.1999, c.46.

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 - a. the member has completed Initial Active Duty Training and is in good standing as an active member of the New Jersey National Guard;
- b. the member has been accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;
 - c. the member has applied for all available State student grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and scholarships for which the member is eligible; and
 - d. available classroom space permits and tuition-paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course.
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- a. he child or spouse has been accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;
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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, Nos. 521 and 365

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 13, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman FRANCIS L. BODINE
District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)
Assemblyman LARRY CHATZIDAKIS
District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)
Assemblyman JACK CONNERS
District 7 (Burlington and Camden)
Assemblyman HERBERT CONAWAY, JR.
District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Felice, Assemblywomen Weinberg and Previte

SYNOPSIS

Increases number of tuition-free credits that a member of the National Guard may earn in undergraduate study and extends credits to graduate study.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Education Committee.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/12/2000)

1 **AN ACT** concerning tuition assistance for members of the New Jersey National Guard and amending P.L.1999, c.46.

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- a. the member has completed Initial Active Duty Training and is in good standing as an active member of the New Jersey National Guard:
 - b. the member has been accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;
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b. the child or spouse has applied for all available State student
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constitute the minimum number required for the course.
(cf: P.L.1999, c.46, s.22)

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3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, Nos. 521 and 365

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2000

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 521 and 365.

This committee substitute increases the number of tuition-free credits that a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the surviving child or spouse of a member killed in the performance of his duties may earn at a public institution of higher education from 12 credits to 15 credits. The substitute also makes the tuition-free credits applicable to a course of graduate study undertaken by the member or the member's surviving child or spouse.

In order to qualify for the tuition-free credits, the following conditions would apply: 1) the person must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in good standing; 2) the person must have applied for all available State and federal student grants and scholarships for which the person is eligible; and 3) there must be available classroom space, and tuition-paying students must constitute the minimum number required for the course.

As reported by committee, this substitute is identical to the Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Nos. 141 and 1054.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 9, approved January 29, 2001

Senate Committee Substitute for Senate, Nos. 141 and 1054

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- a. the member has completed Initial Active Duty Training and is in good standing as an active member of the New Jersey National Guard;
- b. the member has been accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;
 - c. the member has applied for all available State student grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and scholarships for which the member is eligible; and
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- 26 (cf: P.L.1999, c.46, s.21)

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- 2. Section 22 of P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:62-25) is amended to read as follows:
- as follows:
 22. Any child or surviving spouse of a member of the New Jersey
- National Guard who heretofore completed Initial Active Duty Training and was killed in the performance of his duties while on active duty
- with the New Jersey National Guard, or who hereafter completes
- 34 Initial Active Duty Training and is killed in the performance of his
- 35 duties while a member of the New Jersey National Guard, shall be
- 36 permitted to attend regularly-scheduled courses at any public
- 37 institution of higher education in this State enumerated in
- 38 N.J.S.18A:62-1 and receive up to [12] 15 credits per semester
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1 undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in 2 good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is 3 enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution; 4 b. the child or spouse has applied for all available State student grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and 5 6 scholarships for which the child or spouse is eligible; and 7 c. available classroom space permits and tuition-paying students 8 constitute the minimum number required for the course. 9 (cf: P.L.1999, c.46, s.22) 10 3. This act shall take effect immediately. 11 12 13 14 15 Increases number of tuition-free credits that a member of the National 16 17 Guard may earn in undergraduate study and extends credits to graduate study. 18

CHAPTER 9

AN ACT concerning tuition assistance for members of the New Jersey National Guard and amending P.L.1999, c.46.

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

1. Section 21 of P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:62-24) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:62-24 Tuition benefits for members of New Jersey National Guard.

- 21. Any member of the New Jersey National Guard shall be permitted to attend regularly-scheduled courses at any public institution of higher education in this State enumerated in N.J.S.18A:62-1 and receive up to 15 credits per semester tuition-free provided that:
- a. the member has completed Initial Active Duty Training and is in good standing as an active member of the New Jersey National Guard;
- b. the member has been accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;
- c. the member has applied for all available State student grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and scholarships for which the member is eligible; and
- d. available classroom space permits and tuition-paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course.
 - 2. Section 22 of P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:62-25) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:62-25 Eligibility of child, surviving spouse of certain members of New Jersey National Guard for tuition benefits.

- 22. Any child or surviving spouse of a member of the New Jersey National Guard who heretofore completed Initial Active Duty Training and was killed in the performance of his duties while on active duty with the New Jersey National Guard, or who hereafter completes Initial Active Duty Training and is killed in the performance of his duties while a member of the New Jersey National Guard, shall be permitted to attend regularly-scheduled courses at any public institution of higher education in this State enumerated in N.J.S.18A:62-1 and receive up to 15 credits per semester tuition-free provided that:
- a. the child or spouse has been accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;
- b. the child or spouse has applied for all available State student grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and scholarships for which the child or spouse is eligible; and
- c. available classroom space permits and tuition-paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course.
 - 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 29, 2001.

PO BOX 004 TRENTON, NJ 08625

Office of the Governor NEWS RELEASE

CONTACT: Jayne O'Connor Laura Otterbourg 609-777-2600

RELEASE: January 29, 2001

Governor Whitman today signed the following legislation:

A-3038, sponsored by Assembly Members Malone (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Cottrell (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and DiFrancesco (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union), permits religious or charitable organizations to lease property to other tax-exempt entities without losing their property tax exemption.

A-1849, sponsored by Assembly Members Merkt (R-Morris) and Augustine (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union) and Senators Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean), Bucco (R-Morris) and Martin (R-Essex/Morris/Passaic), permits counties to increase the maximum daily compensation for members of election boards from \$100 to an amount not to exceed \$150.

S-254, sponsored by Senators Bennett (R-Monmouth) and Bucco (R-Morris) and Assembly Member Geist (R-Camden/Gloucester), amends the law concerning the reforestation of land owned or maintained by a State entity. Under current law, whenever a State entity plans to deforest an area at least one acre in size, the entity is required to adopt a plan to reforest the area. This bill reduces the size threshold to one-half acre, requiring the State to develop a reforestation plan whenever an entity plans to deforest an area one-half acre in size.

S-382, sponsored by Senator Sinagra (R-Middlesex) and Assembly Members Weingarten (R-Essex/Union) and Kelly (R-Bergen/Essex/Passaic) makes a supplemental appropriation of \$50,000 to the Department of Community Affairs for a grant to the National Association for Children with Autism, Inc. in Livingston.

A-2614, sponsored by Assembly Members Gregg (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Thompson (R-Middlesex/Monmouth), modifies the eligibility requirements for unemployment insurance and temporary disability insurance benefits.

A-895, sponsored by Assembly Members Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset) and Biondi (R-Morris/Somerset) and Senators Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Bark (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Camden), establishes a special license to promote agriculture.

S-462, sponsored by Senators Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Kosco (R-Bergen) and Assembly Members Malone (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean) and Cottrell (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean), creates a drunk driver visitation program.

A-2006, sponsored by Assembly Member O'Toole (R-Essex/Union) requires a sentence imposed on inmates for assault on corrections and law enforcement employees to run consecutively to other sentences.

SCS for S-141 and S-1054, sponsored by Senators Bark (R-Atlantic/Burlington/ Camden), Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth.Ocean), Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Martin (R-Essex/ Morris/Passaic) and Assembly Members Bodine (R-Atlantic/Burlington/ Camden) and Chatzidakis (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Camden), increases the number of tuition-free credits that a member of the National Guard may earn in undergraduate study and extends the credits to graduate study.