

18A:64A-22

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(County college operational costs--
increase limit of State support for
full-time students)

NJSA 18A:64A-22

LAWS OF 1977

CHAPTER 133

Bill No. A3182

Sponsor(s) Newman and others

Date Introduced April 18, 1977

Committee: Assembly Education

Senate -----

Amended during passage Yes ~~XX~~

Amendments during
passage denoted
by asterisks

Date of Passage: Assembly May 2, 1977

Senate May 23, 1977

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement Yes ~~XX~~ (Below)

Committee Statement: Assembly Yes ~~XX~~

Senate ~~XX~~ No

Fiscal Note ~~XX~~ No

Veto Message ~~XX~~ No

Message on signing Yes ~~XX~~

Following were printed:

Reports ~~XX~~ No

Hearings ~~XX~~ No

Sponsor's Statement:

This bill would raise the limit for State support for county college operational costs from \$600.00 to \$700.00 per equated full-time students.

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Reference to Recommendation #9 of Commission's Final Report and the technical report "Simulating Alternative Financing Strategies for Postsecondary Education in New Jersey" made in:

974.90 N.J. Commission on Financing Postsecondary Education
C697 Equity and County college financing.
1977 February, 1977.
(pp.14+)

Final report is:

974.90 N.J. Commission on Financing Postsecondary Education
C697 Financing in an era of uncertainty.
1977c Final Report. March, 1977.
(See Part II)

See also:

974.90 N.J. Commission on Financing Postsecondary Education
C697 An analysis of N.J. postsecondary education
1977a expenditures: the current system (FY '76) and the
Commission recommendations.
(pp.15+)

-- N.J. Commission on Financing Postsecondary Education
Simulating Alternative Financing Strategies for
Postsecondary Education in N.J.
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ASSEMBLY, No. 3182

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 18, 1977

By Assemblymen NEWMAN, PERKINS, DOYLE, YATES, BURSTEIN, JACKMAN, RAND, T. CALLO, HAMILTON, VANWAGNER, FLYNN, MARTIN, SHAPIRO and OTLOWSKI

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT concerning county colleges and amending N. J. S. 18A:64A-22.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 18A:64A-22 is amended to read as follows:

2 18A:64A-22. Annual budget requests for State support of
3 colleges. The Board of Higher Education shall formulate annual
4 budget requests for State support of county colleges. Within the
5 limits of funds appropriated to the Board of Higher Education for
6 such purposes and in accordance with rules and regulations pre-
7 scribed by the Board of Higher Education, the board of trustees
8 of a county college may apply to the Board of Higher Education
9 and receive State support:

10 a. For capital projects approved by the Board of Higher Educa-
11 tion in amounts not to exceed one-half of the cost of said capital
12 projects, and

13 b. For operational costs to the extent of one-half thereof or
14 **[\$600.00]** \$700.00 per equated full-time student, including such
15 students resident in other counties, whichever is the lesser amount.
15A **For the purposes of determining State aid, only those students*
15B *enrolled in credit courses and noncredit remedial, developmental,*
15C *general education development and adult basic education courses,*
15D *shall be included in calculating the number of equated full-time*
15E *students.**

16 State support for the operational costs of county colleges shall be
17 made within limits of State appropriation and only after an annual
18 review and approval by the Board of Higher Education of the
19 financial program for operation of the county college, including the
20 charges to be made for student tuition and fees and the establish-
21 ment of the county share of said costs.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY No. 3182

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 28, 1977

PROVISIONS:

This bill increases the maximum for State aid to county colleges from \$600.00 to \$700.00 per equated full-time equivalent students.

BACKGROUND:

The original intent of the Legislature was that the State should provide 50% of the funds for the county colleges. The \$600.00 limit was established in 1966. Since that time, costs have risen considerably, so that even by increasing the maximum to \$700.00, the State will not be providing 50% of the cost, which is approximately \$1,600.00 per equated FTE student.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

In recommending an increase in State funding for the colleges, the committee felt that certain courses should not be funded by the State. These would include non-credit courses which are non-remedial or developmental in nature. The amendments would eliminate State funds for avocational courses and such other non-credit courses as "a concert, film, tour, art show, therapy or selfrealization sessions . . ." (N. J. A. C. 9:4-3.57(b)1.viii (A), Department of Higher Education proposed regulations.)

In supporting this limitation and the increase in funding for the county colleges, the committee realizes that this is not a complete solution to the problem and issues associated with county college funding. The Department of Higher Education has advised the committee that it is developing a new funding formula. It is the intention of the committee to request a speedy resolution on this matter by the Department, and, further, to review that formula in detail after it is adopted by the board.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JUNE 29, 1977

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KATHY FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne signed a bill Wednesday which increases the limit for state support for county college operational costs from \$600 to \$700 per equated full-time (FTE) student.

The bill, ~~A~~-3182, was sponsored by Assemblyman Daniel Newman, D-Ocean.

Its signing makes the statutory limit on the amount of state FTE appropriations to county colleges consistent with the Fiscal Year 1977-78 budget.

Under the original FY 77-78 budget, FTE appropriations for county colleges were set at \$600, a limit established by statute in 1966.

However, the Joint Appropriations Committee, in its review of the Higher Education Budget for the coming fiscal year, increased the figure to \$700 per FTE student.

An FTE student is a term used for funding purposes for all New Jersey higher education institutions. In order to determine the number of FTE's, the institution adds the total number of student credits for the academic year and divides that figure by the average course load per student.

The bill is effective immediately and requires no additional appropriation outside of the FY 77-78 budget.

Governor Byrne signed the measure at Ocean County Community College.