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SENATE, No. 3370

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JULY 11, 1977

By Senators FELDMAN, DWYER and DODD

(Without Reference)

AN ACT to amend and supplement the "Independent Colleges and Universities Utilization Act," approved June 19, 1972 (P. L. 1972, c. 67).

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

1 1. Section 3 of P. L. 1972, c. 67 (C. 18A:72B-3) is amended as
2 follows:

3 3. As used in this act:

4 "Eligible institution" means only those private institutions of
5 higher education located in New Jersey which, by virtue of law or
6 charter or license, are nonprofit educational institutions empowered
7 to grant academic degrees, and which provide a level of education
8 which is equivalent to the education provided by the State's public
9 institutions of higher education as attested by the receipt and con-
10 tinuation of regional accreditation by the Middle States Association
11 of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and which normally enroll **[500]**
12 *350* or more full-time undergraduate students and are eligible to re-
13 ceive State aid under the provisions of the Constitution of the
14 United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

15 "Eligible institution" does not include any educational institution
16 dedicated primarily to the preparation or training of ministers,
17 priests, rabbis or other professional persons in the field of religion.

18 "New Jersey student" means any person who is a graduate of a
19 New Jersey secondary school or whose parents were domiciled in
20 New Jersey at the beginning of the academic year and who is
21 matriculated in an eligible institution on a full-time basis and so
22 reported by the institution to the Department of Higher Education
23 in the annual Higher Education General Information Survey
24 (H.E.G.I.S.), but such terms do not mean or include any such
25 person majoring in theology or divinity.

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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STATEMENT

Since 1972 the Independent Colleges and Universities Utilization Act has provided a basis for aid to the Independent Colleges in New Jersey, based on the number of New Jersey students attending the college. Among other eligibility requirements, an independent college had to "normally enroll 500 or more full-time undergraduate students". Since the passage of the act enrollment has fallen off at some of the colleges which the act was designed to help. This amendment will reduce the requirement from 500 to 350 students, and will enable these colleges, namely Centenary College for Women, Caldwell College, Felician College, and Westminster Choir College, to continue to receive support for the school year commencing in the fall of 1977, without question as to whether or not they "normally" enroll 500 students. This amendment will not require any additional appropriations since the current budget includes the amounts to be provided for the institutions in question. This amendment will not affect any of the other eligibility requirements and the only colleges eligible under the amended law will be those which have actually been receiving funds in the past. This amendment has the support of the Department of Higher Education.