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Bill No. A3410

Sponsor(s) Newman and others

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974.90 NJ Commission on Financing Postsecondary Education. C697 The current system (FY 76) and the Commission 1977a Recommendations. February, 1977. 10/4/76

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3410

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 27, 1977

By Assemblymen NEWMAN, MARTIN, EWING and MUHLER

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend and supplement the New Jersey Higher Education Tuition Aid Act approved February 11, 1969 (P. L. 1968, c. 429).

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

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4 *Student Assistance Board* in the State Department of Higher
5 Education to administer the provisions of this act.

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4 **ship Commission** *Student Assistance Board* to all eligible appli-
5 cants without any limitation on the number to be awarded in any
6 year other than the amount of appropriations available therefor.
7 In the event that the amount appropriated is insufficient for awards
8 to all eligible applicants in selecting among the eligible applicants,
9 the **State Scholarship Commission** *Student Assistance Board*
10 shall **consider need and demonstrated scholastic ability** *distrib-*
11 *ute the available funds to eligible students according to such pro-*
12 *cedures and guidelines as it may find appropriate which procedures*
13 *and guidelines shall be approved by the State Board of Higher*
14 *Education.*

1 3. Section 6 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-46) is amended as
2 follows:

3 6. No person shall be awarded a State tuition aid grant unless:
4 (a) He has been a resident of New Jersey for a period of not less
5 than 12 months immediately **preceding the date of his application**

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6 for such tuition aid.】 *prior to receiving the grant. "Residency"*
7 *shall mean bonafide residence as defined in regulations promulgated*
8 *by the Student Assistance Board.*

9 (b) He has demonstrated financial need for such tuition aid as
10 determined by paragraph 7b of this act and in accordance with
11 【procedures】 *standards* to be established by the 【State Scholarship
12 Commission】 *Student Assistance Board.*

13 (c) He has demonstrated high moral character, good citizenship,
14 and dedication of American ideals.

15 (d) He has applied for State tuition and has been determined
16 to be eligible for such tuition aid.

17 (e) He has complied with all the rules and regulations adopted
18 pursuant to this act by the 【State Scholarship Commission】
19 *Student Assistance Board* for the award, regulation and adminis-
20 tration of 【state college】 tuition aid.

1 4. Section 7 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-47) is amended as
2 follows:

3 7. A college tuition aid grant shall be awarded annually to
4 each eligible, qualified full-time *undergraduate* student enrolled in
5 a curriculum leading to a degree *or certificate* in an institution of
6 collegiate grade in New Jersey approved or 【accredited】 *licensed*
7 by the State Board of Higher Education, *or in an institution of*
8 *collegiate grade in another state, provided that such state permits*
9 *its residents to utilize its state student financial assistance grants*
10 *in New Jersey institutions of higher education through reciprocity*
11 *agreements approved by the Student Assistance Board and the*
12 *Board of Higher Education. In no event shall a New Jersey tuition*
13 *aid grant be utilized at an out of state institution which is not*
14 *licensed by that state and accredited by a regional accrediting asso-*
15 *ciation recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation.*

16 【in accordance with the following:】

17 (a) Eligibility. To each *New Jersey resident enrolled as a full-*
18 *time* 【resident】 student 【registered as a freshman after Sep-
19 *tember 1, 1968, as a freshman or sophomore after September 1,*
20 *1969, as a freshman, sophomore or junior after September 1, 1970,*
21 *as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior student after Sep-*
22 *tember 1, 1971,】 *after July 1, 1978 for the academic year beginning*
23 *in September of 1978* the State shall grant an amount as provided
24-25 in paragraph (b) of this section 7. No student shall be eligible for
26 a grant unless he has certified in a form satisfactory to the 【Schol-
27 *arship Commission】 *Student Assistance Board* that the grant is*
28 essential to his carrying out his plans for attending college. No*

29 student shall be eligible for grants in more than [the equivalent
30 of eight semesters of undergraduate education.] 4 academic years,
31 unless the recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate program regu-
32 larly requiring 5 academic years for completion, in which case the
33 Student Assistance Board shall permit a fifth year of eligibility.
34 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a student receiving aid
35 under the provisions of P. L. 1968, c. 142 shall be entitled to a
36 sixth year of eligibility. Eligibility for tuition aid grants may be
37 extended to part-time students through regulations developed by
38 the Student Assistance Board and approved by the Board of Higher
39 Education if the level of appropriated funds allows such an exten-
40 sion. No student shall be eligible for grants unless he maintains
41 such minimum standards of academic performance as are required
42 by the institution in which he is enrolled. No student shall be
43 eligible for a tuition aid grant who is enrolled in a course leading
44 to a degree in theology[,] or divinity[,] [or religious education].

45 In the event a student for any reason ceases to continue to be
46 enrolled or otherwise becomes ineligible during the course of an
47 academic year, he shall cease to be eligible for tuition aid. Both the
48 student and the institution shall have the responsibility to notify
49 the Student Assistance Board when a student ceases to be eligible
50 to receive student assistance because of withdrawal for any reason
51 or a change in status from a full to part-time student.

52 (b) Amount of grant. The amount of a tuition aid grant under
53 this act to any student attending a public institution of higher
54 education in New Jersey for the 1978-79 academic year shall be a
55 minimum of \$100.00 and a maximum not to exceed the amount of
56 tuition normally charged a student at the institution of attendance.
57 The maximum amount of a grant in subsequent academic years
58 shall be increased by the Student Assistance Board so that it equals
59 the tuition level in public institutions. For the academic year 1978-79
60 [The] the amount of tuition aid grant to any student attending a
61 nontax supported institution of higher education in New Jersey
61A under this act for any semester shall not exceed the amount of
62 tuition normally charged a student at the institution of attendance
63 [less \$400.00] or \$1,000.00 whichever is less. [The maximum tuition
64 aid grant to any one student in 1 academic year shall not exceed
65 \$1,000.00.] In subsequent years the maximum annual amount of a
66 grant shall be increased by the Student Assistance Board in the
67 amount of the average tuition increase at the public 4-year institu-
68 tions of higher education in New Jersey, but in no instance shall
69 any grant exceed the cost of tuition at the institution of attendance.

70 *The amount of a New Jersey Tuition Assistance grant under this*
 71 *act to any student attending an institution of higher education in*
 72 *any state other than New Jersey pursuant to section 4 of the act*
 73 *which this act amends and supplements shall not exceed \$500.00 in*
 74 *an academic year. [No recipient of a competitive State scholarship*
 75 *shall receive any tuition aid grant for any academic period for*
 76 *which he was awarded a State competitive scholarship.] The*
 77 *amount of grant to be paid for each semester or equivalent shall*
 78 *be based on the [figure represented by the effective income of*
 79 *the eligible student together with the effective income of the parent*
 80 *or parents providing a majority of the eligible student's support,*
 81 *pursuant to the schedule set forth below, provided, however, that*
 82 *the State Scholarship Commission shall, at least once a year, revise*
 83 *the said schedule of effective income according to changes in the*
 84 *cost of living as reflected in the Consumer Price Index of Urban*
 85 *Wage Earners and Clerical Workers in northeastern New Jersey,*
 86 *published by the United States Department of Labor or in such*
 87 *other index or indices as the said State Scholarship Commission*
 88 *may designate. "Effective income" of the eligible student and his*
 89 *parents shall be defined as total income subject to federal income*
 90 *tax less personal dependent exemptions and standard or itemized*
 91 *deductions as eligible under federal income tax regulations pur-*
 92 *suant to the United States Internal Revenue Code as amended with*
 93 *a further allowance of \$400.00 for each dependent, except that*
 94 *"effective income" of the eligible student shall not include more*
 95 *than one-half of his earnings from employment during the year for*
 96 *which the "effective income" is determined.*

97 The following schedule shall be used for determining grants :

	Effective Income	Amount of Grant Each Semester
98	\$0.00- \$7,500.00	\$500.00
99	\$7,501.00- \$9,000.00	\$400.00
100	\$9,001.00-\$10,500.00	\$300.00
101	\$10,501.00-\$12,000.00	\$200.00
102	\$12,001.00-\$13,500.00	\$100.00
103	Over \$13,500.00	\$0.00]

104 *financial need for such a grant as determined by standards and*
 105 *procedures established by the Student Assistance Board and*
 106 *approved by the State Board of Higher Education. For the pur-*
 107 *poses of this act the Legislature shall annually provide separate*
 108 *appropriations for the support of tuition aid grants to New Jersey*
 109 *resident students in public, nontax supported, and out of state*
 110 *institutions of higher education.*

1 5. Section 8 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-48) is amended as
2 follows:

3 8. The **State Scholarship Commission** *Student Assistance*
4 *Board* **may** *shall* adopt rules and regulations, prescribe and
5 provide appropriate forms for application, and employ such per-
6 sons, contract for services and make such additional expenditures
7 as may be necessary or appropriate for effectuating the provisions
8 of this act.

1 6. (New section) (a) An academic year for the purpose of the
2 act which this act amends and supplements means the period
3 between the time the institution which the student is attending
4 opens after the general summer vacation until the beginning of the
5 next succeeding summer vacation.

6 (b) In case a college operates on a full calendar-year program,
7 the academic year shall be determined in accordance with rules
8 adopted by the Student Assistance Board, but in no case shall be
9 less than one-fifth of the time required for the completion of a
10 5-year program, or one-fourth of the time required for the 4-year
11 program in an institution operating on an academic year as defined
12 in subsection (a) above.

1 7. This act shall take effect June 30, 1978.

STATEMENT

This bill amends the "New Jersey Tuition Aid Act of 1968" by changing the eligibility requirements to enable students from public institutions and New Jersey students attending out of state institutions of higher education to participate in the program, with the objective of extending State tuition aid to eligible students in all New Jersey colleges. Previously, only students enrolled at nontax supported institutions of higher education in New Jersey were eligible for such grants. The bill provides for separate appropriations to fund the public, nonpublic, and out of state components of the program. The previous restrictive financial eligibility tables have been removed and the Student Assistance Board has been empowered to establish financial eligibility requirements within the limits cited. This bill forms a major component of the coordinated State financial assistance program recommended by the State Board of Higher Education.

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ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3410

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 26, 1977

PROVISIONS:

This bill extends eligibility for Tuition Aid Grants to students at public institutions. It is the major component of the new, consolidated student aid program. This program was unanimously adopted by the State Board of Higher Education on June 17, 1977, with the support of all sectors of the higher education community.

PROBLEM ADDRESSED:

The new program is designed to address two specific problems:

1. The only State financial aid available to needy students at public institutions, unless they are academically gifted or are educationally disadvantaged, is the PTAG grant included in the Appropriations Act to ease the impact of the FY 1976-7 tuition increase. These grants are a maximum of \$175.00. Aid is available at the independent institutions to a maximum of \$1,000.00. The TAG proposal would make students at the public institutions eligible for need-based financial aid to a maximum of tuition.

2. There is need to consolidate our aid programs. At present, there are six State programs plus Federal and institutional awards, with different applications, eligibility criteria, and different time schedules for announcing awards. TAG is a consolidated program with a common application form, common method of needs analysis, coordination with Federal Basic Grant Awards, and a single eligibility notice to the student.

MAJOR ELEMENTS IN NEW TUITION AID GRANT PROPOSAL:

1. TAG is extended to include students at public institutions.
 2. Minimum grant is \$100.00—maximum is \$1,000.00 or tuition whichever is less.
 3. The award schedule is eliminated. The amount of grant will be determined by standards and procedures adopted by Student Assistance
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Board and approved State Board of Higher Education.

4. If the annual appropriation is insufficient, the Student Assistance Board will develop guidelines and procedures to distribute funds, with approval of Board of Higher Education.

5. TAG grants of up to \$500 could be used in states which have a reciprocity agreement with New Jersey.

6. EOF students will receive regular TAG awards and an EOF supplemental grant. A separate fund within TAG would be reserved for EOF.

7. All program elements—public TAG, independent TAG and out-of-state TAG would be appropriated by separate line items.

COMPARISON BETWEEN PRESENT AND PROPOSED TAG PROGRAM:

Tuition Aid Grant (Present)	Tuition Aid Grant (Proposed)
1. Need	1. Need
2. Independent institutions	2. Independent and public institutions
3. In-State	3. In or out-of-State
4. Award table in statute	4. Awards determined by Student Assistance Board
5. May hold Education Opportunity Fund Grant	5. May hold Educational Opportunity Fund Grant or Garden State Scholarship
6. Maximum \$1,000.00 or tuition	6. Maximum \$1,000.00 or tuition

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

In addition to technical amendments, the Assembly Education Committee's amendments make the following substantive changes in the bill.

1. *Present scholarship holders:*

Under the new program a number of students would lose assistance grants.

a. Students who now receive Public Tuition Assistance Grant awards. These were established in the 1976 and 1977 Appropriations Acts to aid students affected by the increase in tuition at the public colleges.

b. The change in eligibility criteria would eliminate some students now receiving Tuition Assistance Grant awards at the independent colleges.

The proposed new section 7 would save harmless these students.

- a. Public Tuition Aid Grants—3035 students—\$480,700.00.
- b. Tuition Aid Grants—uncertain—cost is estimated at approximately \$400,000.00.

2. *Legislative oversight:*

- a. Requires prior notification to the Joint Appropriations Committee in the event the awards must be pro rated.
- b. Extension of awards to part-time students would require approval by Joint Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on transfers.
- c. The Assembly Education Committee and Senate Education Committee would have the opportunity to review the guidelines prior to publication in the New Jersey Register.

3. *Award Limitations:*

- a. The committee felt it was appropriate to limit the total number of awards that can go out-of-State to 15% of the total.
- b. The legislation contained a provision that the maximum grant at the independent colleges would increase automatically if tuition were raised at the public institutions. In the judgment of the committee, the maximum grant should remain at \$1,000.00. Any increase should be reviewed by the Legislature as a separate public policy issue.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The total cost of the consolidated program is estimated at \$5 million more than the fiscal 1977-78 appropriations. This would provide aid for 15,500 additional students.

In addition, the initial cost to save harmless 9,370 current scholarship holders is approximately \$3 million.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3410

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 21, 1977

The Senate Education Committee unanimously supports the revision of the Tuition Aid Grant Program, and endorses the Assembly Education Committee's statement on this bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

Apart from technical corrections, the amendments adopted by the Senate Education Committee deal with two basic issues:

1. Legislative oversight

The Assembly amendments provided that the standing reference committees on Education should receive prior notification of the standards and procedures to be used for the distribution of Tuition Aid Grant awards. In the opinion of the committee, a more comprehensive legislative review is necessary. Therefore, the bill is amended to provide for a 60-day legislative review and possible veto of these standards.

Given the time constraints of the first year of implementation this period of legislative review will be 30 days for the fiscal year 1978-79 and 60 days once the program is established.

A similar legislative review and veto provision will apply to the criteria to be used in the event that insufficient money is appropriated to fully fund the program. In this instance the chancellor will submit these criteria to the Legislature by March 1.

2. Portability

The Tuition Aid Grants may be used in other states which have a reciprocity agreement with New Jersey. As amended in the Assembly, the number of grants which could go out of state were limited to 15% of the total.

In the opinion of the Senate Education Committee, this limitation is too restrictive. The requirements of reciprocity with other states provides sufficient control; therefore, this 15% limitation has been deleted.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3410
with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 1, 1977

The Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee finds the Assembly Education Committee statement on this bill to be an accurate and concise statement, and concurs in that statement except to explain Senate Revenue, Finance and Appropriations Committee amendments to the bill:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

These amendments address the section of the TAG bill that prescribe how tuition aid grants would be allocated if appropriations were insufficient to fully fund student entitlements.

As released by the Senate Education Committee, the board would decide which students' grants to cut in accordance with "such procedures and guidelines as it may find appropriate", with the two houses of the Legislature having the power to veto those procedures within 60 days. The bill gives the State Board no basic policy guidelines to follow in devising its rules.

These amendments alter this section in 2 ways:

(1) It stipulates that in the event of an appropriations shortfall the legislative body most responsible for funding levels—the Joint Appropriations Committee, through its subcommittee on transfers—must approve the proposed procedures.

(2) It sets the basic policy guidelines that grant awards generally would be reduced in the event of a shortfall—rather than lopping off certain categories in their entirety (e.g., county college students or moderate income students) while fully funding other categories.

These amendments restrict the grant of broad discretionary power that the original bill would have given the Department. Instead they express a clear legislative policy.

They also eliminate the rarely-used recourse of legislative veto of rules by concurrent resolution, and substitute for it the more certain legislative oversight through the Appropriations subcommittee on transfers.

FISCAL NOTE TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3410
[OFFICIAL COPY REPRINT]

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 19, 1977

The Official Copy Reprint of Assembly Bill No. 3410 amends the New Jersey Higher Education Tuition Aid Act by changing the eligibility requirements and limits to be applied by the Student Assistance Board.

The Department of Higher Education estimates that enactment of this legislation would reduce the cost of the program by \$10,740,000.00 in fiscal 1978-79 and by \$12,140,000.00 in fiscal 1979-80. These estimates are based on institutional estimates of numbers and distribution of aided students, Department of Higher Education statistics, and a Department of Higher Education model for projection purposes.

The fiscal note is based on an estimate of costs rather than actual cost information.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.

REVISED FISCAL NOTE TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3410
[OFFICIAL COPY REPRINT]

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 27, 1977

The Second Senate Reprint of the Official Copy Reprint of Assembly Bill No. 3410 amends the New Jersey Higher Education Tuition Aid Act by changing the eligibility requirements and limits to be applied by the Student Assistance Board.

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3410

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 26, 1977

Amend page 1, title, lines 1-2, insert quotation marks before and after New Jersey Higher Education Tuition Aid Act.

Amend page 1, section 2, line 14, after "Education", insert "with prior notification to the Joint Appropriations Committee".

Amend page 2, section 3, line 6, after "grant.", omit "Residency".

Amend page 2, section 3, lines 7-8, omit in their entirety.

Amend page 2, section 4, line 12, after "Education." insert "Of the total number of grants available for initial award in any year, not more than 15% of that number may be used in institutions outside of the State.".

Amend page 3, section 4, line 40, after "sion", insert ", subject to prior approval by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and Joint Appropriation Committee's subcommittee on transfers or its successor".

Amend page 3, section 4, line 53, after "attending", omit "a public" and insert "an".

Amend page 3, section 4, line 54, after "Jersey", omit "for the 1978-79 academic year".

Amend page 3, section 4, line 56, after "attendance", insert "or \$1,000.00 whichever is less".

Amend page 3, section 4, lines 57-69, omit in their entirety.

Amend page 4, section 4, line 72, after "section", omit "4" and insert "7".

Amend page 4, section 4, lines 72-73, after "section 4 of", omit "he act which this act amends and supplements" and insert "P. L. 1968, c. 429".

Amend page 4, section 4, line 105, after "Board", omit "and" and insert "with prior notification to the committees on education of the Senate and General Assembly no less than 45 days prior to adoption by the State Board of Higher Education. Tuition".

Amend page 4, section 4, lines 106-107, omit in their entirety.

Amend page 4, section 4, line 108, omit "appropriations for the support of tuition".

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Amend page 4, section 4, line 110, after "education", insert "shall be separately made by line items".

Amend page 5, section 5, line 8, after section 5, insert new sections 6. and 7. as follows:

"6. Section 2 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-42) is amended to read as follows:

2. There are hereby created State tuition aid grants which shall be maintained by the State, awarded and administered pursuant to this act, and used by the holders thereof for undergraduate study in accredited institutions of higher education [in New Jersey].

7. (New section) Any tuition assistance grant awarded prior to the effective date of this act to any student at a public institution of higher education in New Jersey pursuant to P. L. 1977, c. 137, and any tuition aid grant awarded to any student at an independent institution of higher education in New Jersey pursuant to P. L. 1968, c. 429, shall be continued or renewed on the basis of eligibility criteria in effect on September 1, 1977, unless said student is eligible to receive an equivalent tuition aid grant pursuant to this act."

Amend page 5, section 6, line 1, omit "6" and insert "8".

Amend page 5, section 7, line 1, omit "7" and insert "9".

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3410

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 21, 1977

Amend page 1, section 4, line 14, after "Education", omit "with prior notification to the Joint Appropriations Committee", after the period, insert "Annually, on or before March 1 of the pre-budget year, the criteria and guidelines which shall be used to distribute available funds should the amount appropriated be insufficient for awards to all eligible applicants shall be submitted by the Chancellor of Higher Education to the Legislature, together with appropriate supporting information, and such criteria and guidelines shall be deemed approved by the Legislature at the end of 60 calendar days after the date on which they are transmitted to the Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in session on the sixtieth day, then on the next succeeding day on which it shall be meeting, unless between the date of transmittal and the end of the 60-day period the Legislature passes a concurrent resolution rejecting the criteria and guidelines in which case the criteria and guidelines then in effect shall continue in effect."

Amend page 2, section 3, line 15, after "tuition", insert "aid".

Amend page 2, section 4, line 12, after "Education", omit "Of the total number of grants avail-".

Amend page 2, section 4, line 12A, omit in its entirety.

Amend page 2, section 4, line 12B, before "In no event", omit entire line.

Amend page 4, section 4, line 105, after "Board", insert "and approved by the State Board of Higher Education".

Amend page 5, section 4, lines 108-113, delete in their entirety, insert "The standards and procedures which shall be established by the Student Assistance Board for the fiscal year 1978-79 shall be submitted to the Legislature, together with appropriate supporting information, and such standards and procedures shall be deemed approved by the Legislature at the end of 30 calendar days after the date on which they are transmitted to the Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in session on the thirtieth day, then on the next succeeding day on which it shall be

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Any subsequent revisions of said standards and procedures shall be submitted to the Legislature, together with appropriate supporting information, and such standards and procedures shall be deemed approved by the Legislature at the end of 60 calendar days after the date on which they are transmitted to the Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in session on the sixtieth day, then on the next succeeding day on which it shall be meeting, unless between the date of transmittal and the end of the 60-day period the Legislature passes a concurrent resolution rejecting the standards and procedures in which case the standards and procedures then in effect shall continue in effect.

(c) Appropriations for each program category of tuition aid grants shall be separately made by line item.''.

[SENATE REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3410

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with Senate committee amendments, adopted November 21, 1977

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 27, 1977

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 19 Chancellor of Higher Education to the Legislature, together with
 20 appropriate supporting information, and such criteria and guide-
 21 lines shall be deemed approved by the Legislature at the end of 60
 22 calendar days after the date on which they are transmitted to the
 23 Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in session on the sixtieth
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 8 collegiate grade in another state, provided that such state permits
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 10 in New Jersey institutions of higher education through reciprocity
 11 agreements approved by the Student Assistance Board and the
 12 Board of Higher Education. **[*Of the total number of grants

13 available for initial award in any year, not more than 15% of that
 14 number may be used in institutions outside of the State.*** In no
 15 event shall a New Jersey tuition aid grant be utilized at an out of
 16 state institution which is not licensed by that state and accredited
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 127 *be submitted to the Legislature, together with appropriate support-*
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 138 grants shall be separately made by line item.**

1 5. Section 8 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-48) is amended as
 2 follows:

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 4 Board [may] shall adopt rules and regulations, prescribe and
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 8 of this act.

1 *6. Section 2 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-42) is amended to
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 5 this act, and used by the holders thereof for undergraduate study in
 6 accredited institutions of higher education [in New Jersey].

1 7. (New section) Any tuition assistance grant awarded prior to
 2 the effective date of this act to any student at a public institution
 3 of higher education in New Jersey pursuant to P. L. 1977, c. 137,
 4 and any tuition aid grant awarded to any student at an independent
 5 institution of higher education in New Jersey pursuant to P. L.
 6 1968, c. 429, shall be continued or renewed on the basis of eligibility
 7 criteria in effect on September 1, 1977, unless said student is
 8 eligible to receive an equivalent tuition aid grant pursuant to
 9 this act.*

1 *6.] *8.* (New section) (a) An academic year for the purpose
 2 of the act which this act amends and supplements means the period
 3 between the time the institution which the student is attending
 4 opens after the general summer vacation until the beginning of the
 5 next succeeding summer vacation.

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 10 5-year program, or one-fourth of the time required for the 4-year
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 12 in subsection (a) above.

1 *7.] *9.* This act shall take effect June 30, 1978.

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with Senate committee amendments, adopted November 21, 1977
and Senate committee amendments adopted December 1, 1977

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 27, 1977

By Assemblymen NEWMAN, MARTIN, EWING and MUHLER

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend and supplement the ***New Jersey Higher Education Tuition Aid Act*** approved February 11, 1969 (P. L. 1968, c. 429).

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1 1. Section 3 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-43) is amended as
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6 year other than the amount of appropriations available therefor.
7 In the event that the amount appropriated is insufficient for
8 ***full*** awards to all eligible applicants *****[in selecting among**
9 **the eligible applicants]*****, the **[State Scholarship Commission]**
10 *Student Assistance Board* shall **[consider need and demonstrated**
11 **scholastic ability]** *****[distribute the available funds to]*****
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12 to such procedures and guidelines as it may find appropriate which
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14 Higher Education ***and by the subcommittee on transfers of the
14A Joint Appropriations Committee*** ****[*with prior notification to**
15 **the Joint Appropriations Committee*]**** **Annually, on or before
16 March 1 of the pre-budget year, the criteria and guidelines which

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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 18 priated be insufficient for ****full**** awards to all eligible appli-
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 20 the ****Joint Appropriations Committee of the**** Legislature,
 21 together with appropriate supporting information~~***~~ [and
 22 such] ~~***~~ ~~***~~. Such ~~***~~ criteria and guidelines ~~***~~ [shall] ~~***~~
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4 (a) He has been a resident of New Jersey for a period of not less
5 than 12 months immediately **[preceding the date of his application**

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

6 for such tuition aid.] *prior to receiving the grant.* *["Residency"
7 *shall mean bonafide residence as defined in regulations promulgated*
8 *by the Student Assistance Board*]*

9 (b) He has demonstrated financial need for such tuition aid as
10 determined by paragraph 7b of this act and in accordance with
11 [procedures] *standards* to be established by the [State Scholarship
12 Commission] *Student Assistance Board*.

13 (c) He has demonstrated high moral character, good citizenship,
14 and dedication of American ideals.

15 (d) He has applied for State tuition and has been determined
16 to be eligible for such tuition aid.

17 (e) He has complied with all the rules and regulations adopted
18 pursuant to this act by the [State Scholarship Commission]
19 *Student Assistance Board* for the award, regulation and adminis-
20 tration of [state college] tuition aid.

1 4. Section 7 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-47) is amended as
2 follows:

3 7. A college tuition aid grant shall be awarded annually to
4 each eligible, qualified full-time *undergraduate* student enrolled in
5 a curriculum leading to a degree *or certificate* in an institution of
6 collegiate grade in New Jersey approved or [accredited] *licensed*
7 by the State Board of Higher Education, *or in an institution of*
8 *collegiate grade in another state, provided that such state permits*
9 *its residents to utilize its state student financial assistance grants*
10 *in New Jersey institutions of higher education through reciprocity*
11 *agreements approved by the Student Assistance Board and the*
12 *Board of Higher Education.* *Of the total number of grants avail-
12A *able for initial award in any year, not more than 15% of that num-*
12B *ber may be used in institutions outside of the State.* In no event*
13 *shall a New Jersey tuition aid grant be utilized at an out of state*
14 *institution which is not licensed by that state and accredited by a*
15 *regional accrediting association recognized by the Council on*
16 *Postsecondary Accreditation.* [in accordance with the following:]

17 (a) Eligibility. To each *New Jersey resident enrolled as a full-*
18 *time [resident] student [registered as a freshman after Sep-*
19 *tember 1, 1968, as a freshman or sophomore after September 1,*
20 *1969, as a freshman, sophomore or junior after September 1, 1970,*
21 *as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior student after Sep-*
22 *tember 1, 1971,] after July 1, 1978 for the academic year beginning*
23 *in September of 1978* the State shall grant an amount as provided
24-25 in paragraph (b) of this section 7. No student shall be eligible for
26 a grant unless he has certified in a form satisfactory to the [Schol-
27 arship Commission] *Student Assistance Board* that the grant is

28 essential to his carrying out his plans for attending college. No
 29 student shall be eligible for grants in more than [the equivalent
 30 of eight semesters of undergraduate education.] 4 academic years,
 31 unless the recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate program regu-
 32 larly requiring 5 academic years for completion, in which case the
 33 Student Assistance Board shall permit a fifth year of eligibility.
 34 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a student receiving aid
 35 under the provisions of P. L. 1968, c. 142 shall be entitled to a
 36 sixth year of eligibility. Eligibility for tuition aid grants may be
 37 extended to part-time students through regulations developed by
 38 the Student Assistance Board and approved by the Board of Higher
 39 Education if the level of appropriated funds allows such an exten-
 40 sion*, subject to prior approval by the Director of the Division of
 40A Budget and Accounting and Joint Appropriation Committee's
 40B subcommittee on transfers or its successor*. No student shall be
 41 eligible for grants unless he maintains such minimum standards of
 42 academic performance as are required by the institution in which
 43 he is enrolled. No student shall be eligible for a tuition aid grant
 44 who is enrolled in a course leading to a degree in theology[,] or
 44A divinity[,] [or religious education].

45 In the event a student for any reason ceases to continue to be
 46 enrolled or otherwise becomes ineligible during the course of an
 47 academic year, he shall cease to be eligible for tuition aid. Both the
 48 student and the institution shall have the responsibility to notify
 49 the Student Assistance Board when a student ceases to be eligible
 50 to receive student assistance because of withdrawal for any reason
 51 or a change in status from a full to part-time student.

52 (b) Amount of grant. The amount of a tuition aid grant under
 53 this act to any student attending *[a public]* *an* institution of
 54 higher education in New Jersey *[for the 1978-79 academic year]*
 55 shall be a minimum of \$100.00 and a maximum not to exceed the
 56 amount of tuition normally charged a student at the institution of
 57 attendance *or \$1,000.00, whichever is less*. *[The maximum
 57A amount of a grant in subsequent academic years shall be
 58 increased by the Student Assistance Board so that it equals
 59 the tuition level in public institutions. For the academic year 1978-79
 60 [The] the amount of tuition aid grant to any student attending a
 61 nontax supported institution of higher education in New Jersey
 61A under this act for any semester shall not exceed the amount of
 62 tuition normally charged a student at the institution of attendance
 63 [less \$400.00] or \$1,000.00 whichever is less. [The maximum tuition
 64 aid grant to any one student in 1 academic year shall not exceed
 65 \$1,000.00.] In subsequent years the maximum annual amount of a

66 grant shall be increased by the Student Assistance Board in the
 67 amount of the average tuition increase at the public 4-year institu-
 68 tions of higher education in New Jersey, but in no instance shall any
 69 grant exceed the cost of tuition at the institution of attendance.]*
 70 The amount of a New Jersey Tuition Assistance grant under this
 71 act to any student attending an institution of higher education in
 72 any state other than New Jersey pursuant to section *[4]* *7* of
 73 *the act which this act amends and supplements]* *P. L. 1968,
 74 c. 429* shall not exceed \$500.00 in an academic year. [No
 74A recipient of a competitive State scholarship shall receive any
 75 tuition aid grant for any academic period for which he was
 76 awarded a State competitive scholarship.] The amount of grant
 77 to be paid for each semester or equivalent shall be based on
 78 the [figure represented by the effective income of the eligible
 79 student together with the effective income of the parent
 80 or parents providing a majority of the eligible student's support,
 81 pursuant to the schedule set forth below, provided, however, that
 82 the State Scholarship Commission shall, at least once a year, revise
 83 the said schedule of effective income according to changes in the
 84 cost of living as reflected in the Consumer Price Index of Urban
 85 Wage Earners and Clerical Workers in northeastern New Jersey,
 86 published by the United States Department of Labor or in such
 87 other index or indices as the said State Scholarship Commission
 88 may designate. "Effective income" of the eligible student and his
 89 parents shall be defined as total income subject to federal income
 90 tax less personal dependent exemptions and standard or itemized
 91 deductions as eligible under federal income tax regulations pur-
 92 suant to the United States Internal Revenue Code as amended with
 93 a further allowance of \$400.00 for each dependent, except that
 94 "effective income" of the eligible student shall not include more
 95 than one-half of his earnings from employment during the year for
 96 which the "effective income" is determined.

97 The following schedule shall be used for determining grants:

	Effective Income	Amount of Grant Each Semester
98	\$0.00- \$7,500.00	\$500.00
99	\$7,501.00- \$9,000.00	\$400.00
100	\$9,001.00-\$10,500.00	\$300.00
101	\$10,501.00-\$12,000.00	\$200.00
102	\$12,001.00-\$13,500.00	\$100.00
103	Over \$13,500.00	\$0.00]

104 financial need for such a grant as determined by standards and
 105 procedures established by the Student Assistance Board *[and
 106 approved by the State Board of Higher Education. For the pur-

107 poses of this act the Legislature shall annually provide separate
 108 appropriations for the support of tuition]* *with prior notification
 109 to the committees on education of the Senate and General Assembly
 110 no less than 45 days prior to adoption by the State Board of Higher
 111 Education. Tuition* aid grants to New Jersey resident students in
 112 public, nontax supported, and out of state institutions of higher
 113 education *shall be separately made by line items*.

1 5. Section 8 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-48) is amended as
 2 follows:

3 8. The [State Scholarship Commission] Student Assistance
 4 Board [may] shall adopt rules and regulations, prescribe and
 5 provide appropriate forms for application, and employ such per-
 6 sons, contract for services and make such additional expenditures
 7 as may be necessary or appropriate for effectuating the provisions
 8 of this act.

1 *6. Section 2 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-42) is amended to
 2 read as follows:

3 2. There are hereby created State tuition aid grants which shall
 4 be maintained by the State, awarded and administered pursuant to
 5 this act, and used by the holders thereof for undergraduate study in
 6 accredited institutions of higher education [in New Jersey].

1 7. (New section) Any tuition assistance grant awarded prior to
 2 the effective date of this act to any student at a public institution
 3 of higher education in New Jersey pursuant to P. L. 1977, c. 137,
 4 and any tuition aid grant awarded to any student at an independent
 5 institution of higher education in New Jersey pursuant to P. L.
 6 1968, c. 429, shall be continued or renewed on the basis of eligibility
 7 criteria in effect on September 1, 1977, unless said student is
 8 eligible to receive an equivalent tuition aid grant pursuant to
 9 this act.*

1 *6.]* *8.* (New section) (a) An academic year for the purpose
 2 of the act which this act amends and supplements means the period
 3 between the time the institution which the student is attending
 4 opens after the general summer vacation until the beginning of the
 5 next succeeding summer vacation.

6 (b) In case a college operates on a full calendar-year program,
 7 the academic year shall be determined in accordance with rules
 8 adopted by the Student Assistance Board, but in no case shall be
 9 less than one-fifth of the time required for the completion of a
 10 5-year program, or one-fourth of the time required for the 4-year
 11 program in an institution operating on an academic year as defined
 12 in subsection (a) above.

1 *7.]* *9.* This act shall take effect June 30, 1978.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3410

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 27, 1977

By Assemblymen NEWMAN, MARTIN, EWING and MUHLER

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend and supplement the ***New Jersey Higher Education Tuition Aid Act*** approved February 11, 1969 (P. L. 1968, c. 429).

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

1 1. Section 3 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-43) is amended as
2 follows:

3 3. It shall be the duty of the [State Scholarship Commission]
4 Student Assistance Board in the State Department of Higher
5 Education to administer the provisions of this act.

1 2. Section 4 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-44) is amended as
2 follows:

3 4. State tuition aid grants shall be awarded by the [State Scholar-
4 ship Commission] Student Assistance Board to all eligible appli-
5 cants without any limitation on the number to be awarded in any
6 year other than the amount of appropriations available therefor.
7 In the event that the amount appropriated is insufficient for
8 ***full*** awards to all eligible applicants ***[in selecting among
9 the eligible applicants]***, the [State Scholarship Commission]
10 Student Assistance Board shall [consider need and demonstrated
11 scholastic ability] ***[distribute the available funds to]***
11A ***reduce awards equitably among*** eligible students according
12 to such procedures and guidelines as it may find appropriate which
13 procedures and guidelines shall be approved by the State Board of
14 Higher Education ***and by the subcommittee on transfers of the
14A Joint Appropriations Committee*** **[*with prior notification to
15 the Joint Appropriations Committee*]** **Annually, on or before
16 March 1 of the pre-budget year, the criteria and guidelines which

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17 shall be used to distribute available funds should the amount appro-
 18 priated be insufficient for ****full**** awards to all eligible appli-
 19 cants shall be submitted by the Chancellor of Higher Education to
 20 the ****Joint Appropriations Committee of the**** Legislature,
 21 together with appropriate supporting information~~***~~ [and
 22 such]~~***~~ ~~***~~. Such~~***~~ criteria and guidelines ~~***~~ [shall]~~***~~
 23 ~~***may***~~ be ~~***~~ [deemed]~~***~~ approved ~~***~~ or disapproved~~***~~
 24 by the ~~***~~ [Legislature]~~***~~ ~~***~~ subcommittee on transfers of said
 25 committee~~***~~ at ~~***~~ any time; provided however that if at~~***~~ the
 26 end of 60 calendar days after the date on which they are transmitted
 27 to the ~~***~~ [Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in session on
 28 the sixtieth day, then on the next succeeding day on which it shall
 29 be meeting, unless between the date of transmittal and the end of
 30 the 60-day period the Legislature passes a concurrent resolution
 31 rejecting the criteria and guidelines in which case the criteria and
 32 guidelines then in effect shall continue in effect.~~***~~]~~***~~ ~~***~~ com-
 33 mittee the subcommittee on transfers has taken no action, the
 34 proposed criteria and guidelines shall be deemed to be approved
 35 by said subcommittee.~~***~~

1 3. Section 6 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-46) is amended as
 2 follows:

3 6. No person shall be awarded a State tuition aid grant unless:
 4 (a) He has been a resident of New Jersey for a period of not less
 5 than 12 months immediately [preceding the date of his application
 6 for such tuition aid.] prior to receiving the grant. * [“Residency”
 7 shall mean bonafide residence as defined in regulations promulgated
 8 by the Student Assistance Board] *

9 (b) He has demonstrated financial need for such tuition aid as
 10 determined by paragraph 7b of this act and in accordance with
 11 [procedures] standards to be established by the [State Scholarship
 12 Commission] Student Assistance Board.

13 (c) He has demonstrated high moral character, good citizenship,
 14 and dedication of American ideals.

15 (d) He has applied for State tuition ***aid*** and has been
 16 determined to be eligible for such tuition aid.

17 (e) He has complied with all the rules and regulations adopted
 18 pursuant to this act by the [State Scholarship Commission]
 19 Student Assistance Board for the award, regulation and adminis-
 20 tration of [state college] tuition aid.

1 4. Section 7 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-47) is amended as
 2 follows:

3 7. A college tuition aid grant shall be awarded annually to
 4 each eligible, qualified full-time *undergraduate* student enrolled in
 5 a curriculum leading to a degree or *certificate* in an institution of
 6 collegiate grade in New Jersey approved or [accredited] licensed
 7 by the State Board of Higher Education, or in an institution of
 8 collegiate grade in another state, provided that such state permits
 9 its residents to utilize its state student financial assistance grants
 10 in New Jersey institutions of higher education through reciprocity
 11 agreements approved by the Student Assistance Board and the
 12 Board of Higher Education. **[Of the total number of grants
 13 available for initial award in any year, not more than 15% of that
 14 number may be used in institutions outside of the State.]*** In no
 15 event shall a New Jersey tuition aid grant be utilized at an out of
 16 state institution which is not licensed by that state and accredited
 16A by a regional accrediting association recognized by the Council on
 16B Postsecondary Accreditation. [in accordance with the following:]

17 (a) Eligibility. To each *New Jersey resident* enrolled as a full-
 18 time [resident] student [registered as a freshman after Sep-
 19 tember 1, 1968, as a freshman or sophomore after September 1,
 20 1969, as a freshman, sophomore or junior after September 1, 1970,
 21 as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior student after Sep-
 22 tember 1, 1971,] after July 1, 1978 for the academic year beginning
 23 in September of 1978 the State shall grant an amount as provided
 24-25 in paragraph (b) of this section 7. No student shall be eligible for
 26 a grant unless he has certified in a form satisfactory to the [Schol-
 27 arship Commission] Student Assistance Board that the grant is
 28 essential to his carrying out his plans for attending college. No
 29 student shall be eligible for grants in more than [the equivalent
 30 of eight semesters of undergraduate education.] 4 academic years,
 31 unless the recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate program regu-
 32 larly requiring 5 academic years for completion, in which case the
 33 Student Assistance Board shall permit a fifth year of eligibility.
 34 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a student receiving aid
 35 under the provisions of P. L. 1968, c. 142 shall be entitled to a
 36 sixth year of eligibility. Eligibility for tuition aid grants may be
 37 extended to part-time students through regulations developed by
 38 the Student Assistance Board and approved by the Board of Higher
 39 Education if the level of appropriated funds allows such an exten-
 40 sion*, subject to prior approval by the Director of the Division of
 40A Budget and Accounting and Joint Appropriation Committee's
 40B subcommittee on transfers or its successor*. No student shall be
 41 eligible for grants unless he maintains such minimum standards of

42 academic performance as are required by the institution in which
 43 he is enrolled. No student shall be eligible for a tuition aid grant
 44 who is enrolled in a course leading to a degree in theology~~[,]~~ or
 44A divinity~~[,]~~ ~~[or religious education].~~

45 In the event a student for any reason ceases to continue to be
 46 enrolled or otherwise becomes ineligible during the course of an
 47 academic year, he shall cease to be eligible for tuition aid. *Both the*
 48 *student and the institution shall have the responsibility to notify*
 49 *the Student Assistance Board when a student ceases to be eligible*
 50 *to receive student assistance because of withdrawal for any reason*
 51 *or a change in status from a full to part-time student.*

52 (b) Amount of grant. *The amount of a tuition aid grant under*
 53 *this act to any student attending ~~*[a public]*~~ ~~*an*~~ institution of*
 54 *higher education in New Jersey ~~*[for the 1978-79 academic year]*~~*
 55 *shall be a minimum of \$100.00 and a maximum not to exceed the*
 56 *amount of tuition normally charged a student at the institution of*
 57 *attendance ~~*or \$1,000.00, whichever is less*~~. ~~*[The maximum~~*
 57A *amount of a grant in subsequent academic years shall be*
 58 *increased by the Student Assistance Board so that it equals*
 59 *the tuition level in public institutions. For the academic year 1978-79*
 60 ~~[The]~~ *the amount of tuition aid grant to any student attending a*
 61 *nontax supported institution of higher education in New Jersey*
 61A *under this act for any semester shall not exceed the amount of*
 62 *tuition normally charged a student at the institution of attendance*
 63 ~~[less \$400.00]~~ *or \$1,000.00 whichever is less. [The maximum tuition*
 64 *aid grant to any one student in 1 academic year shall not exceed*
 65 *\$1,000.00.] In subsequent years the maximum annual amount of a*
 66 *grant shall be increased by the Student Assistance Board in the*
 67 *amount of the average tuition increase at the public 4-year institu-*
 68 *tions of higher education in New Jersey, but in no instance shall any*
 69 *grant exceed the cost of tuition at the institution of attendance.]**
 70 *The amount of a New Jersey Tuition Assistance grant under this*
 71 *act to any student attending an institution of higher education in*
 72 *any state other than New Jersey pursuant to section ~~*[4]*~~ ~~*7*~~ of*
 73 ~~*[the act which this act amends and supplements]*~~ **P. L. 1968,*
 74 *c. 429* shall not exceed \$500.00 in an academic year. [No*
 74A *recipient of a competitive State scholarship shall receive any*
 75 *tuition aid grant for any academic period for which he was*
 76 *awarded a State competitive scholarship.] The amount of grant*
 77 *to be paid for each semester or equivalent shall be based on*
 78 *the [figure represented by the effective income of the eligible*
 79 *student together with the effective income of the parent*

80 or parents providing a majority of the eligible student's support,
 81 pursuant to the schedule set forth below, provided, however, that
 82 the State Scholarship Commission shall, at least once a year, revise
 83 the said schedule of effective income according to changes in the
 84 cost of living as reflected in the Consumer Price Index of Urban
 85 Wage Earners and Clerical Workers in northeastern New Jersey,
 86 published by the United States Department of Labor or in such
 87 other index or indices as the said State Scholarship Commission
 88 may designate. "Effective income" of the eligible student and his
 89 parents shall be defined as total income subject to federal income
 90 tax less personal dependent exemptions and standard or itemized
 91 deductions as eligible under federal income tax regulations pur-
 92 suant to the United States Internal Revenue Code as amended with
 93 a further allowance of \$400.00 for each dependent, except that
 94 "effective income" of the eligible student shall not include more
 95 than one-half of his earnings from employment during the year for
 96 which the "effective income" is determined.

97 The following schedule shall be used for determining grants:

	Effective Income	Amount of Grant Each Semester
98	\$0.00- \$7,500.00	\$500.00
99	\$7,501.00- \$9,000.00	\$400.00
100	\$9,001.00-\$10,500.00	\$300.00
101	\$10,501.00-\$12,000.00	\$200.00
102	\$12,001.00-\$13,500.00	\$100.00
103	Over \$13,500.00	\$0.00

104 *financial need for such a grant as determined by standards and*
 105 *procedures established by the Student Assistance Board **and*
 105A *approved by the State Board of Higher Education** * [and*
 106 *approved by the State Board of Higher Education. For the pur-*
 107 *poses of this act the Legislature shall annually provide separate*
 108 *appropriations for the support of tuition] * ** [*with prior notifica-*
 109 *tion to the committees on education of the Senate and General*
 110 *Assembly no less than 45 days prior to adoption by the State Board*
 111 *of Higher Education. Tuition* aid grants to New Jersey resident*
 112 *students in public, nontax supported, and out of state institutions*
 113 *of higher education* shall be separately made by line items*.]***
 114 ***The standards and procedures which shall be established by the*
 115 *Student Assistance Board for the fiscal year 1978-79 shall be sub-*
 116 *mitted to the Legislature, together with appropriate supporting in-*
 117 *formation, and such standards and procedures shall be deemed*
 118 *approved by the Legislature at the end of 30 calendar days after*
 119 *the date on which they are transmitted to the Legislature, or if the*

120 Legislature is not in session on the thirtieth day, then on the next
 121 succeeding day on which it shall be meeting, unless between the date
 122 of transmittal and the end of the 30-day period the Legislature
 123 passes a concurrent resolution rejecting the standards and pro-
 124 cedures in which case the standards and procedures then in effect
 125 shall continue in effect.

126 Any subsequent revisions of said standards and procedures shall
 127 be submitted to the Legislature, together with appropriate support-
 128 ing information, and such standards and procedures shall be
 129 deemed approved by the Legislature at the end of 60 calendar days
 130 after the date on which they are transmitted to the Legislature, or
 131 if the Legislature is not in session on the sixtieth day, then on the
 132 next succeeding day on which it shall be meeting, unless between the
 133 date of transmittal and the end of the 60-day period the Legislature
 134 passes a concurrent resolution rejecting the standards and pro-
 135 cedures in which case the standards and procedures then in effect
 136 shall continue in effect.

137 (c) Appropriations for each program category of tuition aid
 138 grants shall be separately made by line item.**

1 5. Section 8 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-48) is amended as
 2 follows:

3 8. The **[State Scholarship Commission]** *Student Assistance*
 4 *Board* **[may]** shall adopt rules and regulations, prescribe and
 5 provide appropriate forms for application, and employ such per-
 6 sons, contract for services and make such additional expenditures
 7 as may be necessary or appropriate for effectuating the provisions
 8 of this act.

1 *6. Section 2 of P. L. 1968, c. 429 (C. 18A:71-42) is amended to
 2 read as follows:

3 2. There are hereby created State tuition aid grants which shall
 4 be maintained by the State, awarded and administered pursuant to
 5 this act, and used by the holders thereof for undergraduate study in
 6 accredited institutions of higher education **[in New Jersey]**.

1 7. (New section) Any tuition assistance grant awarded prior to
 2 the effective date of this act to any student at a public institution
 3 of higher education in New Jersey pursuant to P. L. 1977, c. 137,
 4 and any tuition aid grant awarded to any student at an independent
 5 institution of higher education in New Jersey pursuant to P. L.
 6 1968, c. 429, shall be continued or renewed on the basis of eligibility
 7 criteria in effect on September 1, 1977, unless said student is
 8 eligible to receive an equivalent tuition aid grant pursuant to
 9 this act.*

1 ***[6.]*** *8.* (New section) (a) An academic year for the purpose
2 of the act which this act amends and supplements means the period
3 between the time the institution which the student is attending
4 opens after the general summer vacation until the beginning of the
5 next succeeding summer vacation.

6 (b) In case a college operates on a full calendar-year program,
7 the academic year shall be determined in accordance with rules
8 adopted by the Student Assistance Board, but in no case shall be
9 less than one-fifth of the time required for the completion of a
10 5-year program, or one-fourth of the time required for the 4-year
11 program in an institution operating on an academic year as defined
12 in subsection (a) above.

1 ***[7.]*** *9.* This act shall take effect June 30, 1978.

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ANNE BURNS

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed two bills creating a new Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) Program designed to simplify and coordinate student financial aid programs and extend eligibility to some 15,000 new students, primarily in county colleges.

The bills, A-3410 and A-3412, were sponsored by Assemblyman Daniel F. Newman, (D-Ocean). "For the past year, higher education leaders from all sectors have worked cooperatively to produce the best system possible. Legislative amendments have further strengthened the program. This legislation will greatly enhance New Jersey's reputation as a national leader in financial assistance to students," the Governor said.


Mrs. Katherine Neuberger, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, also complimented the forward-looking attitude of higher education leaders. "The new program signed into law today represents tremendous effort on the part of many dedicated professionals to provide an improved student assistance package for New Jersey students. The result reaffirms New Jersey's national leadership role in student assistance."

The TAG Program, is designed both to simplify the procedures for receiving State student aid and to provide higher levels of aid to a greater number of New Jersey students.

"Under the new system, several broad gains will be accomplished starting in 1978-79," said T. Edward Hollander, Chancellor of Higher Education. "First, there will be grant awards to more students, including county college students not presently receiving tuition assistance, and larger awards to many low and middle income students.

"Second, the TAG Program will provide tuition aid up to the full cost of tuition at a public college, up to \$1,000 at an independent college, and up to \$500 at colleges outside New Jersey, provided that state has a reciprocity agreement with New Jersey.

"Third, a common application form will be used which will allow students to apply simultaneously for financial aid from the federal and state governments and from the institution, reducing the handful of separate forms now in use.



"Fourth, eligibility for State tuition awards will be determined on a uniform basis throughout the State. The use of a common method of need analysis will insure that all students will be judged on the same criteria when applying for financial aid.

"Finally, the coordinated program structure will be easier to understand. One basic State grant (TAG) will serve as the foundation for all State student assistance. In addition to the TAG grant, additional grants will be available to students demonstrating outstanding academic potential or educational and economic deprivation," Hollander said.

The Educational Opportunity Fund program (EOF) will remain as the State's main program for educationally and economically disadvantaged students. The State Guaranteed Student Loan Program will also be unchanged.

The existing New Jersey State Scholarships, however, will be replaced by a new campus-based program called Garden State Scholars. Under this program, institutions in New Jersey will receive State funds to select academically able students to be Garden State Scholars and award them a grant up to \$500. State Scholars will also be eligible for Tuition Aid Grants. Garden State Scholarships will be restricted to New Jersey institutions.

The New Jersey Financial Aid Form, presently available at high schools and colleges across the State, will serve as the application for the new program. This same application is also used to apply for federal and other student aid.

Students currently receiving State scholarships, tuition aid grants, public tuition aid grants, EOF grants, will continue to receive their present state assistance in 1978-79 unless the program rules provide higher levels of student assistance.

* * * *

EXAMPLE SHEET

Here are some examples of how the new program would work under full funding:

1. John comes from a family with five children, an income of \$7,000 and assets of \$8,000. He is the first to attend college. It is estimated that his family will be unable to contribute toward college expenses. He wants to attend Burlington County College (tuition = \$500). His TAG grant would be \$500 (full tuition). In addition, he would be eligible for a federal Basic Grant of \$1,100, and might be selected by the college for an EOF grant of \$350.
2. Mark comes from a family with three children, an income of \$11,000 and assets of \$9,500. He has a brother already in college. The Uniform Methodology calculation results in an estimated family contribution of \$500. He wants to attend either Trenton State College (tuition = \$700) or Rider College (tuition = \$2,750). His TAG grant would be \$450 at Trenton State or \$825 at Rider. He is also eligible for a federal Basic Grant of \$920.
3. Marsha comes from a family with three children, a \$17,000 income and \$23,000 in assets. She is the only child in college. Her family's estimated contribution toward college expenses is \$1,400. She plans to go to either Fairleigh Dickinson (tuition = \$2,560) or Montclair State College (tuition = \$700). Her TAG grant at FDU would equal \$530. She would not be eligible for TAG assistance at Montclair. She is not eligible for a federal Basic Grant. Because of her academic achievement, both colleges have offered her a Garden State Scholarship of \$500.