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P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 10, *approved April 12, 2022*
Assembly, No. 2884

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23 the portion of the recipient's cost of attendance at the institution that
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29 years, except that each scholarship shall remain in effect only if the
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41 **(pending before the Legislature as this bill)**

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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2 means a New Jersey resident employed as a permanent full-time
3 member of any federal, State, county or municipal law enforcement
4 agency, department, or division of those governments who is
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30 "FAFSA Simplification Act," Pub.L.116-260, legislation that was
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ASSEMBLY, No. 2884

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Sponsored by:

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Assemblywoman VERLINA REYNOLDS-JACKSON

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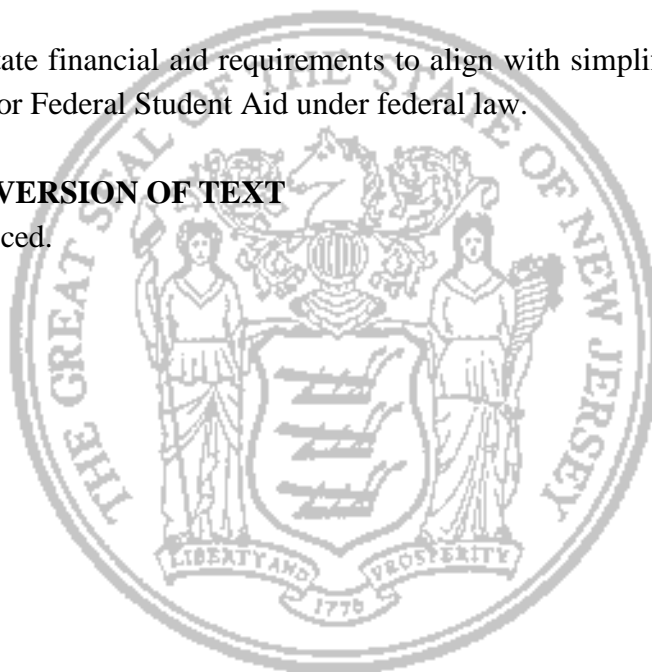
**Assemblyman Benson, Assemblywoman Sumter, Assemblymen Danielsen,
Stanley and Assemblywoman Lopez**

SYNOPSIS

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As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/24/2022)

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STATEMENT TO

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 14, 2022

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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

04/13/2022

TRENTON – Last night, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

A-2158/S-1367 (Verrelli/Scutari) - Allows member of PFRS who is police chief and fire department chief to serve until age 67 under certain conditions

A-2884/S-1885 (Jasey, Reynolds-Jackson, McKnight/Cunningham, Ruiz) - Revises State financial aid requirements to align with simplification of Free Application for Federal Student Aid under federal law

AJR-109/SJR-74 (Murphy, Dancer/Cryan, Stanfield) - Designates month of April of each year as “Military Child Appreciation Month” in NJ; designates last full week of April of each year as “Military Child Appreciation Week” in NJ