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P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 127, *approved December 12, 2022*
Assembly, No. 1189 (*Third Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning student financial aid and supplementing
2 P.L.1994, c.48 (C.18A:3B-1 et al.).

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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. a. In the event that a public or independent institution of
8 higher education or a proprietary institution licensed to offer
9 academic degrees provides a financial aid award letter to a student,
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12 substantially similar to that which is used in, and uses terms as
13 defined in, the financial aid shopping sheet provided to students
14 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.201 (C.18A:3B-6b);

15 (2) clearly display the estimated net cost to attend the
16 institution;

17 (3) clearly differentiate a student's eligibility for loans from a
18 student's eligibility for other forms of financial aid, including
19 grants and scholarships; and

20 (4) include a clear statement that the acceptance or ³**[decline]**
21 declination³ of one or more loan offers shall not impact a student's
22 eligibility for any other grants or scholarships detailed in the
23 student's financial aid award letter.

24 b. A student enrolled in a public or independent institution of
25 higher education or a proprietary institution licensed to offer
26 academic degrees shall be ineligible to receive any form of student
27 assistance from the State, including grants, scholarships, and loans,
28 in the event that the institution or school fails to meet the
29 requirements established pursuant to subsection a. of this section, as
30 determined by the Secretary of Higher Education. ³Prior to revoking
31 eligibility for student assistance from the State to a student enrolled
32 in an institution that fails to meet the requirements established
33 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the secretary shall provide
34 that institution with an opportunity to come into compliance with
35 the requirements.³

36 ²Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a
37 student from receiving any form of student assistance from the State
38 for which the student is eligible at a different institution of higher

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHI committee amendments adopted March 14, 2022.

²Senate floor amendments adopted March 24, 2022.

³Senate floor amendments adopted June 16, 2022.

1 education or proprietary institution licensed to offer academic
2 degrees.²

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
5 financial aid award letters that will be sent in the ¹**[2022-2023]**
6 2023-2024¹ academic year.

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12 Requires financial aid award letter provided by institutions of
13 higher education and certain proprietary schools be consistent with
financial aid shopping sheet.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1189

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman MILA M. JASEY

District 27 (Essex and Morris)

Assemblyman WILLIAM F. MOEN, JR.

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywomen Timberlake, McKnight, Swain and Assemblyman Tully

SYNOPSIS

Requires financial aid award letter provided by institutions of higher education and certain proprietary schools be consistent with financial aid shopping sheet.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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33 financial aid award letters that will be sent in the 2022-2023
34 academic year.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires institutions of higher education and certain
40 proprietary schools that provide students with a financial aid award
41 letter to do so in a manner that is consistent with the financial aid
42 shopping sheet that these institutions and schools must provide to
43 students, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.201 (C.18A:3B-6b).
44 The financial aid shopping sheet has been designed to improve
45 students' and parents' understanding of higher education costs and
46 financial aid options.

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- 14 The bill also provides that a student enrolled in a public or
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20 Secretary of Higher Education.

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1189

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 3, 2022

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1189.

This bill requires institutions of higher education and certain proprietary schools that provide students with a financial aid award letter to do so in a manner that is consistent with the financial aid shopping sheet that these institutions and schools must provide to students, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.201 (C.18A:3B-6b). The financial aid shopping sheet has been designed to improve students' and parents' understanding of higher education costs and financial aid options.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1189

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 14, 2022

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1189 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires institutions of higher education and certain proprietary schools that provide students with a financial aid award letter to do so in a manner that is consistent with the financial aid shopping sheet that these institutions and schools must provide to students, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.201 (C.18A:3B-6b). The financial aid shopping sheet has been designed to improve students' and parents' understanding of higher education costs and financial aid options.

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As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1372, which was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to change the bill's effective date to apply to financial aid award letters that will be sent in the 2023-2024 academic year. The bill, as introduced, would have applied to financial aid award letters that will be sent in the 2022-2023 academic year.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1189

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator CUNNINGHAM)

ADOPTED: MARCH 24, 2022

These Senate amendments clarify that the provision of the bill which disqualifies an eligible student from receiving State student assistance at an institution of higher education or a degree-granting proprietary institution that violates the bill's provisions does not disqualify the student from receiving such aid at a different institution.

STATEMENT TO
[Second Reprint]
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with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator CUNNINGHAM)

ADOPTED: JUNE 16, 2022

These Senate amendments provide that, prior to revoking eligibility for student assistance from the State to a student enrolled in an institution that fails to meet the bill's requirements, the Secretary of Higher Education will provide that institution with an opportunity to come into compliance with the requirements.

SENATE, No. 1372

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Sponsored by:

Senator SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM

District 31 (Hudson)

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

SYNOPSIS

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/10/2022)

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SENATE, No. 1372

with committee amendments

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DATED: MARCH 14, 2022

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1372 with committee amendments.

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Acting Governor Oliver Takes Action on Legislation

12/12/2022

TRENTON – Today, Acting Governor Oliver signed the following bills into law:

A-325/S-152 (Dancer, Benson, Freiman/Diegnan, Corrado, Sauickie) - Authorizes military service members, spouses, and dependents with out-of-state domicile to operate motor vehicles in New Jersey

A-1189/S-1372 (Jasey, Moen/Cunningham, Ruiz) - Requires financial aid award letter provided by institutions of higher education and certain proprietary schools be consistent with financial aid shopping sheet

A-2026/S-322 (Conaway, Mukherji, Haider/Vitale, Beach) - Reduces from 18 to 12 specific credit hours required for Animal Health Technician job title in civil service; allows substitution of five years of experience for education requirement