

# 18A:3B-43

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**SPONSOR(S)** Cryan and Others

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**COMMITTEE:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** Higher Education

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##### A2911

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 4 of original bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

**SENATE:** Yes

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**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

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##### S2776

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**SENATE:** Yes

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 2911**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**213th LEGISLATURE**

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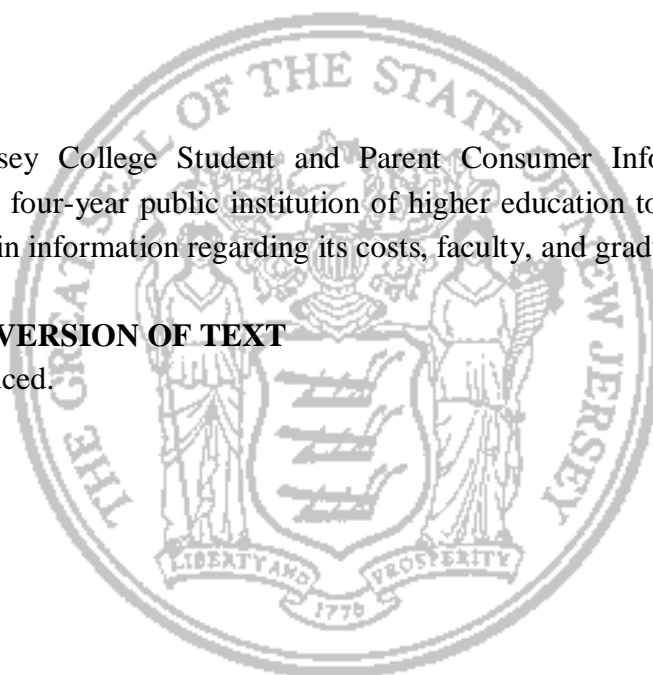
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**SYNOPSIS**

“New Jersey College Student and Parent Consumer Information Act”; requires each four-year public institution of higher education to provide on its website certain information regarding its costs, faculty, and graduation rates.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/12/2010)**

1 AN ACT concerning consumer information for college students and  
2 their families and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the  
3 New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jersey  
9 College Student and Parent Consumer Information Act."

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11 2. a. A four-year public institution of higher education shall  
12 provide for public inspection on its website comprehensive  
13 information on the cost of attendance, the graduation rates of  
14 admitted students, and the faculty of the institution. The purpose of  
15 the information shall be to maximize the awareness of students and  
16 their families of the costs associated with enrollment in the  
17 institution, the institution's success in ensuring the graduation of its  
18 students, and the composition of the teaching faculty that a student  
19 will encounter in his coursework. The institution shall post, and  
20 annually update, a student consumer information report on its  
21 website that includes:

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(1) overall four-year and six-year graduation rates;

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(2) four-year and six-year graduation rates by demographic group;

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(3) four-year and six-year graduation rates by major;

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(4) four-year and six-year graduation rates for student-athletes;

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(5) the student transfer rate;

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(6) an overview of the institutions to which former students of that  
28 college or university have transferred prior to the completion of a  
29 degree;

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(7) the cost for the current academic year of attending the  
31 institution including tuition, student fees, room and board, and books  
32 and materials;

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(8) a description of the types of financial assistance offered directly  
34 by the institution to both student-athletes and to students who do not  
35 participate in athletic programs at the institution;

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(9) the percent of student-athletes who receive financial assistance  
37 directly from the institution and the average value of the assistance and  
38 the percent of students who do not participate in athletic programs at  
39 the institution who receive financial assistance directly from the  
40 institution and the average value of the assistance;

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(10) the total projected cost for an incoming freshman to live on  
42 campus and complete a degree in four years and the total projected  
43 cost for an incoming freshman to commute to school and complete a  
44 degree in four years;

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(11) the total projected cost for an incoming freshman to live on  
46 campus and complete a degree in six years and the total projected cost  
47 for an incoming freshman to commute to school and complete a degree  
48 in six years;

- 1 (12) average student loan indebtedness of four-year graduates for  
2 both students who live on campus and students who commute;  
3 (13) average student loan indebtedness of six-year graduates for  
4 both students who live on campus and students who commute;  
5 (14) average student loan indebtedness of a student who withdraws  
6 from the institution prior to the completion of a degree program for  
7 both students who live on campus and students who commute;  
8 (15) an overview of the institution's faculty, including the  
9 percentage of faculty employed as a tenured professor, the percentage  
10 of faculty employed as a full-time non-tenured professor, and the  
11 percentage of faculty employed as an adjunct or visiting professor;  
12 (16) the percentage of courses taught by each of the different  
13 categories of faculty; and  
14 (17) an indicator of each academic department's capacity to serve  
15 the students majoring within that department's programs, as  
16 determined by the Commission on Higher Education.

17 The institution shall provide with all paper applications for  
18 admission to the institution a hard copy of the information prepared  
19 pursuant to this section.

20 b. A four-year public institution of higher education shall  
21 conform to the guidelines, criteria, and format prescribed by the  
22 Commission on Higher Education in reporting the information  
23 required pursuant to this section

24 c. A four-year public institution of higher education shall submit  
25 its student consumer information report to the Commission on  
26 Higher Education for inclusion in a comparative profile of the  
27 student consumer information reports of all four-year public  
28 institutions of higher education.

29 d. A four-year public institution of higher education shall ensure  
30 that the page of its Internet site which includes its student consumer  
31 information report contains a link to the page of the Commission on  
32 Higher Education's Internet site that includes the comparative  
33 profile required pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of this act.

34 e. A four-year public institution of higher education shall ensure  
35 that the Internet site for submitting an online application to the  
36 institution contains a link to the institution's student consumer  
37 information report.

38 f. A four-year public institution of higher education shall require  
39 the parent or guardian of a student applying for admission into the  
40 institution, or the student if he is an independent adult, to sign and  
41 submit a statement acknowledging that he has reviewed the  
42 institution's student consumer information report.

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44 3. a. The Commission on Higher Education shall issue  
45 guidelines and criteria for collecting and calculating the information  
46 required pursuant to section 2 of this act and shall prescribe a  
47 uniform reporting method for posting the information.

1 b. The Commission on Higher Education shall annually compile  
2 the student consumer information reports submitted pursuant to  
3 subsection c. of section 2 of this act into a comparative profile of all  
4 four-year public institutions of higher education. The commission  
5 shall present the information on its website in a manner that allows  
6 college students and their families to easily compare student  
7 consumer information across institutions.

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9 4. This act shall take effect on the 61st day after the date of  
10 enactment.

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12 STATEMENT

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14 This bill, which if enacted will be known as the "New Jersey  
15 College Student and Parent Consumer Information Act," will  
16 maximize the awareness of students and their families of the costs  
17 associated with enrollment in the institution, the institution's  
18 success in ensuring the graduation of its students, and the  
19 composition of the teaching faculty that a student will encounter in  
20 his coursework. Under the bill, each four-year public institution of  
21 higher education in the State is required to provide on its website  
22 comprehensive information on the cost of attendance, the  
23 graduation rates of admitted students, and the faculty of the  
24 institution. Such information must be updated annually. The  
25 institution must also provide with all paper applications for admission  
26 to the institution a hard copy of the information prepared under the bill  
27 for the website.

28 The bill requires each four-year public institution of higher  
29 education to:

30 (1) conform to the guidelines, criteria, and format prescribed by  
31 the Commission on Higher Education in reporting the required  
32 information;

33 (2) submit its student consumer information report to the  
34 Commission on Higher Education for inclusion in a comparative  
35 profile of the student consumer information reports of all four-year  
36 public institutions of higher education;

37 (3) ensure that the page of its Internet site which includes its  
38 student consumer information report contains a link to the  
39 comparative profile of student consumer information reports on the  
40 Commission on Higher Education's Internet site;

41 (4) ensure that the Internet site for submitting an online  
42 application to the institution contains a link to the institution's  
43 student consumer information report; and

44 (5) require the parent or guardian of a student applying for  
45 admission into the institution, or the student if he is an independent  
46 adult, to sign and submit a statement acknowledging that he has  
47 reviewed the institution's student consumer information report.

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1       The bill directs the Commission on Higher Education to issue  
2 guidelines and criteria for collecting and calculating the information  
3 required to be reported under the bill. The commission is further  
4 directed to prescribe a uniform reporting method for the posting of  
5 the information. The bill also directs the commission to compile a  
6 comparative profile of the student consumer information reports of  
7 the four-year public institutions of higher education and to present  
8 the profile on its website in a manner that allows college students  
9 and their families to easily compare student consumer information  
10 across institutions.

# ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2911

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 5, 2008

The Assembly Higher Education committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2911.

This bill, which if enacted will be known as the "New Jersey College Student and Parent Consumer Information Act," will maximize the awareness of students and their families of the costs associated with enrollment in the institution, the institution's success in ensuring the graduation of its students, and the composition of the teaching faculty that a student will encounter in his coursework. Under the bill, each four-year public institution of higher education in the State is required to provide on its website comprehensive information on the cost of attendance, the graduation rates of admitted students, and the faculty of the institution. The information must be updated annually. The institution must also provide with all paper applications for admission to the institution a hard copy of the information prepared for the website.

The bill requires each four-year public institution of higher education to:

(1) conform to the guidelines, criteria, and format prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education in reporting the required information;

(2) submit its student consumer information report to the Commission on Higher Education for inclusion in a comparative profile of the student consumer information reports of all four-year public institutions of higher education;

(3) ensure that the page of its Internet site which includes its student consumer information report contains a link to the comparative profile of student consumer information reports on the Commission on Higher Education's Internet site;

(4) ensure that the Internet site for submitting an online application to the institution contains a link to the institution's student consumer information report; and

(5) require the parent or guardian of a student applying for admission to the institution, or the student if he is an independent adult, to sign and submit a statement acknowledging that he has reviewed the institution's student consumer information report.

The bill directs the Commission on Higher Education to:



(1) issue guidelines and criteria for collecting and calculating the information required to be reported under the bill;

(2) prescribe a uniform reporting method for the posting of the information;

(3) compile a comparative profile of the student consumer information reports of the four-year public institutions of higher education; and

(4) present the profile on its website in a manner that allows college students and their families to easily compare student consumer information across institutions.

# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 2911

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 18, 2009

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2911.

This bill, which if enacted will be known as the "New Jersey College Student and Parent Consumer Information Act," will maximize the awareness of students and their families of the costs associated with enrollment in the institution, the institution's success in ensuring the graduation of its students, and the composition of the teaching faculty that a student will encounter in his coursework. Under the bill, each four-year public institution of higher education in the State is required to provide on its website comprehensive information on the cost of attendance, the graduation rates of admitted students, and the faculty of the institution. Such information must be updated annually. The institution must also provide with all paper applications for admission to the institution a hard copy of the information prepared under the bill for the website.

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The bill directs the Commission on Higher Education to issue guidelines and criteria for collecting and calculating the information

required to be reported under the bill. The commission is further directed to prescribe a uniform reporting method for the posting of the information. The bill also directs the commission to compile a comparative profile of the student consumer information reports of the four-year public institutions of higher education and to present the profile on its website in a manner that allows college students and their families to easily compare student consumer information across institutions.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2776, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

# SENATE, No. 2776

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 7, 2009

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator DIANE B. ALLEN**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER**

**District 15 (Mercer)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Ruiz**

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23 (2) four-year and six-year graduation rates by demographic  
24 group;  
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29 that college or university have transferred prior to the completion of a  
30 degree;  
31 (7) the cost for the current academic year of attending the  
32 institution including tuition, student fees, room and board, and books  
33 and materials;  
34 (8) a description of the types of financial assistance offered  
35 directly by the institution to both student-athletes and to students who  
36 do not participate in athletic programs at the institution;  
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# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

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