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ASSEMBLY, No. 2702

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 12, 2008

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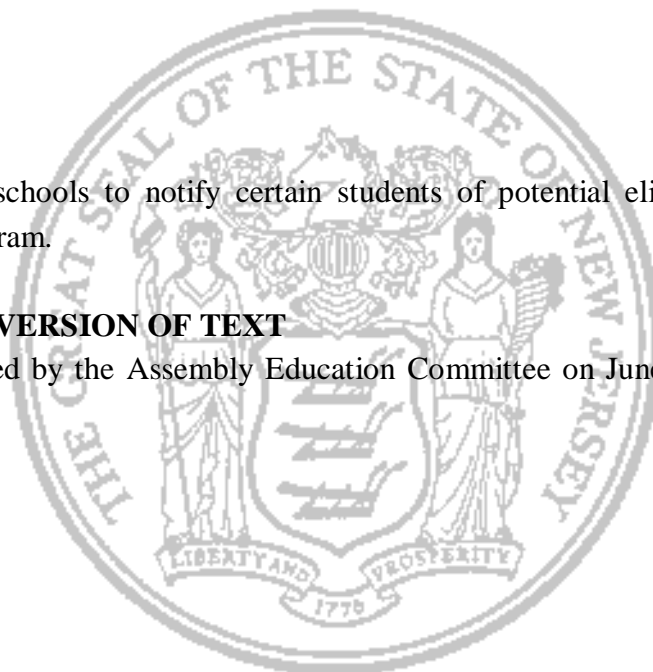
Senators Baroni, Allen, Turner and Ruiz

SYNOPSIS

Requires schools to notify certain students of potential eligibility for NJ STARS Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on June 8, 2009, with amendments.



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

1 AN ACT concerning notification of eligibility for the NJ STARS
2 Program and supplementing P.L.2004, c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et
3 seq.)

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

7
8 1. a. In September of each school year, 'the board of education
9 of a school district or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic
10 school shall provide each student in the 9th grade with general
11 information on the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward
12 Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program created pursuant to P.L.2004,
13 c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et seq.).

14 b. In September of each school year,¹ the board of education of
15 a school district or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic
16 school shall notify each student in the 11th grade who is ranked in
17 the top ~~'[30%]~~ 25.0%¹ of the class of his potential to qualify for
18 the ~~'[New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship~~
19 ~~(NJ STARS) Program created pursuant to P.L.2004, c.59~~
20 ~~(C.18A:71B-81 et seq.)]~~ NJ STARS Program¹ if the student's class
21 rank at the time of high school graduation is within the top ~~'[20%]~~
22 15.0%¹ of the graduating class.

23 ~~'[b.In January of each school year, the board of education of a~~
24 ~~school district or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic~~
25 ~~school shall notify each student in the 12th grade who may be~~
26 ~~eligible for the NJ STARS Program upon high school graduation in~~
27 ~~accordance with the provisions of P.L.2004, c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et~~
28 ~~seq.) of his potential program eligibility]~~ The notification shall
29 include information about the rigorous course of study required to
30 qualify for the program.

31 A student in the 12th grade shall be notified of conditional
32 eligibility for the NJ STARS Program by the Higher Education
33 Student Assistance Authority in accordance with the provisions of
34 section 2 of P.L.2008, c.124 (C.18A:71B-85.1)¹.

35 c. The notification 'by the board of education or chief school
36 administrator¹ required pursuant to subsections a. and b. of this
37 section shall be communicated via regular or electronic mail or sent
38 home with the student and include a brief description of the NJ
39 STARS Program and the requirements for eligibility for the
40 program.

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42 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
43 the ~~'[2008-2009]~~ 2009-2010¹ school year.

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:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted June 8, 2009.

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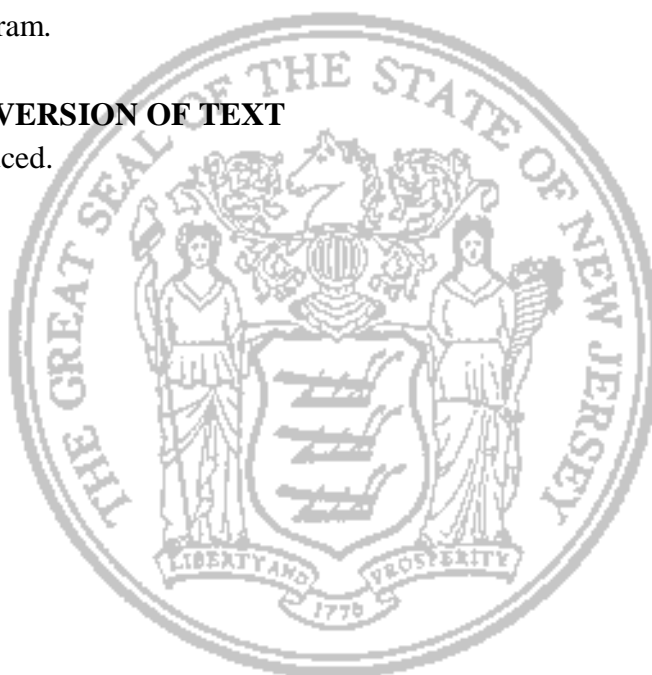
**Assemblywoman Oliver, Assemblymen Giblin, Coutinho, L.Smith, Rumpf
and Assemblywoman Addiego**

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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2 Program and supplementing P.L.2004, c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et
3 seq.)

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

7
8 1. a. In September of each school year, the board of education
9 of a school district or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic
10 school shall notify each student in the 11th grade who is ranked in
11 the top 30% of the class of his potential to qualify for the New
12 Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS)
13 Program created pursuant to P.L.2004, c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et seq.)
14 if the student's class rank at the time of high school graduation is
15 within the top 20% of the graduating class.

16 b. In January of each school year, the board of education of a
17 school district or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic
18 school shall notify each student in the 12th grade who may be
19 eligible for the NJ STARS Program upon high school graduation in
20 accordance with the provisions of P.L.2004, c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et
21 seq.) of his potential program eligibility.

22 c. The notification required pursuant to subsections a. and b. of
23 this section shall be communicated via regular or electronic mail or
24 sent home with the student and include a brief description of the NJ
25 STARS Program and the requirements for eligibility for the
26 program.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
29 the 2008-2009 school year.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill provides that the board of education of a school district
35 or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic school must notify
36 certain students in the 11th and 12th grades that they may be
37 eligible for the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward
38 Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program upon graduation from high
39 school.

40 Under the bill, school districts and nonpublic schools must
41 notify, in September, each 11th grade student who ranks in the top
42 30% of the class that he may qualify for the NJ STARS Program if
43 his class rank upon high school graduation is within the top 20% of
44 the class. This bill also requires school districts and nonpublic
45 schools to notify, in January, each 12th grade student who is
46 expected to be eligible for the NJ STARS Program upon high
47 school graduation of his potential eligibility, as determined by his
48 meeting the eligibility requirements of the NJ STARS Program.

A2702 DIEGNAN, LAMPITT

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1 This bill provides that the notification required under the bill be
2 communicated via regular or electronic mail or sent home with the
3 student. The notification must include a brief description of the
4 program and the eligibility requirements for the program.

5 The NJ STARS Program provides eligible students with full-
6 tuition scholarships to attend New Jersey county colleges on a full-
7 time basis in curriculums leading to a degree. The program is
8 administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance
9 Authority.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2702

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 8, 2009

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2702 with committee amendments.

As amended by committee, this bill requires the board of education of a public school or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic school to provide, in September of each school year, general information on the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program to students enrolled in the 9th grade. The bill also requires the board of education or chief school administrator of a nonpublic school to notify each student in the 11th grade who is ranked in the top 25.0% of the class of the potential to qualify for the NJ STARS Program if the student's class rank at the time of high school graduation is within the top 15.0% of the graduating class. A student in the 12th grade will be notified of conditional eligibility for the NJ STARS Program by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in accordance with the provisions of current law.

The notification by the board of education or chief school administrator of a nonpublic school may be made through regular or electronic mail or sent home with the student.

The committee amended the bill to:

1) provide that students in the 9th grade will receive general information on the NJ STARS Program;

2) provide that notification to students in the 11th grade of the potential to qualify for the NJ STARS Program will be made to students in the top 25.0% of the class rather than the top 30% of the class, and will include information on the need for a student to complete a rigorous course of study in order to qualify for NJ STARS; and

3) specify that a student in the 12th grade will be notified of conditional eligibility for the NJ STARS Program by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in accordance with the provisions of current law.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2702

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2010

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2702 (1R).

This bill requires the board of education of a public school or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic school to provide, in September of each school year, general information on the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program to students enrolled in the 9th grade. The bill also requires the board of education or chief school administrator of a nonpublic school to notify each student in the 11th grade who is ranked in the top 25.0% of the class of the potential to qualify for the NJ STARS Program if the student's class rank at the time of high school graduation is within the top 15.0% of the graduating class. A student in the 12th grade will be notified of conditional eligibility for the NJ STARS Program by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in accordance with the provisions of current law.

The notification by the board of education or chief school administrator of a nonpublic school may be made through regular or electronic mail or sent home with the student.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 601 with committee amendments, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE, No. 601

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2008 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator BILL BARONI

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Senator DIANE B. ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Turner

SYNOPSIS

Requires schools to notify certain students of potential eligibility for NJ STARS Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2010)

S601 BARONI, ALLEN

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2 Program and supplementing P.L.2004, c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et
3 seq.)
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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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9 of a school district or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic
10 school shall notify each student in the 11th grade who is ranked in
11 the top 30% of the class of his potential to qualify for the New
12 Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS)
13 Program created pursuant to P.L.2004, c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et seq.)
14 if the student's class rank at the time of high school graduation is
15 within the top 20% of the graduating class.

16 b. In January of each school year, the board of education of a
17 school district or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic
18 school shall notify each student in the 12th grade who may be
19 eligible for the NJ STARS Program upon high school graduation in
20 accordance with the provisions of P.L.2004, c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et
21 seq.) of his potential program eligibility.

22 c. The notification required pursuant to subsections a. and b. of
23 this section shall be communicated via regular or electronic mail or
24 sent home with the student and include a brief description of the NJ
25 STARS Program and the requirements for eligibility for the
26 program.
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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
29 the 2006-2007 school year.
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32 STATEMENT
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34 This bill provides that the board of education of a school district
35 or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic school must notify
36 certain students in the 11th and 12th grades that they may be
37 eligible for the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward
38 Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program upon graduation from high
39 school.

40 Under the bill, school districts and nonpublic schools must
41 notify, in September, each 11th grade student who ranks in the top
42 30% of the class that he may qualify for the NJ STARS Program if
43 his class rank upon high school graduation is within the top 20% of
44 the class. This bill also requires school districts and nonpublic
45 schools to notify, in January, each 12th grade student who is
46 expected to be eligible for the NJ STARS Program upon high

S601 BARONI, ALLEN

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1 school graduation of his potential eligibility, as determined by his
2 meeting the eligibility requirements of the NJ STARS Program.

3 This bill provides that the notification required under the bill be
4 communicated via regular or electronic mail or sent home with the
5 student. The notification must include a brief description of the
6 program and the eligibility requirements for the program.

7 The NJ STARS Program provides eligible students with full-
8 tuition scholarships to attend New Jersey county colleges on a full-
9 time basis in curriculums leading to a degree. The program is
10 administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance
11 Authority.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 601

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 7, 2010

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 601 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the board of education of a public school or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic school to provide, in September of each school year, general information on the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program to students enrolled in the 9th grade. The bill also requires the board of education or chief school administrator of a nonpublic school to notify each student in the 11th grade who is ranked in the top 25.0% of the class of the potential to qualify for the NJ STARS Program if the student's class rank at the time of high school graduation is within the top 15.0% of the graduating class. A student in the 12th grade will be notified of conditional eligibility for the NJ STARS Program by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in accordance with the provisions of current law.

The notification by the board of education or chief school administrator of a nonpublic school may be made through regular or electronic mail or sent home with the student.

The committee amended the bill to:

1) provide that students in the 9th grade will receive general information on the NJ STARS Program;

2) provide that notification to students in the 11th grade of the potential to qualify for the NJ STARS Program will be made to students in the top 25.0% of the class rather than the top 30% of the class, and will include information on the need for a student to complete a rigorous course of study in order to qualify for NJ STARS;

3) specify that a student in the 12th grade will be notified of conditional eligibility for the NJ STARS Program by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in accordance with the provisions of current law; and

4) update the academic year to which the bill's provisions are first applicable.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2702 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2008-2009 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.