

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 18A:71-32 (Educational Opportunity Fund--reorganize)

LAWS OF: 1988 **CHAPTER:** 101

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SPONSOR(S): Cooper and Rocco

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Senate: _____

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P.L. 1988, CHAPTER 101, approved August 5, 1988
1988 Assembly No. 2401

1 **AN ACT** to amend the "New Jersey Educational Opportunity
Act of 1968," approved July 12, 1968 (P.L. 1968, c. 142).

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

7 1. Section 5 of P.L. 1968, c. 142 (C. 18A:71-32) is amended to
read as follows:

9 5. (a) The board of directors of the fund shall consist of the
chancellor [, who shall serve as chairman.] or the chancellor's
11 designee and eight citizens of this State appointed by the State
Board of Higher Education with the approval of the Governor.
13 Citizen members of the board shall be selected without regard to
political affiliation and, as far as may be practicable, on the basis
15 of their knowledge of, or interest in, the problems of needy
students and higher education. The board shall organize annually
17 as established by rule of the board to elect a chairman, vice
chairman and other officers as the board shall determine from
19 among its members. The officers shall serve for a one-year term
and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies in
21 the offices shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired
term only.

23 (b) Each citizen member of the board shall serve for a term of
four years and until his successor shall have been appointed and
25 qualified; provided, that in the case of the first appointments to
the board, two members shall be appointed for terms expiring
27 June 30, 1969; two members shall be appointed for terms expiring
June 30, 1970; two members shall be appointed for terms expiring
29 June 30, 1971; and two members shall be appointed for terms
expiring June 30, 1972. Any vacancy in the membership of the
31 board shall be filled in the same manner as the original
appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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.

1 (c) The board shall develop and maintain a Statewide system
2 for the identification of potential college students from needy
3 families; devise methods for recruiting such students; advise the
4 chancellor on the organization, coordination and support, in
5 cooperation with public and private institutions of higher
6 education of the State, of programs of remedial education for
7 such students; and provide financial assistance as required by
8 such students.

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10 shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable and
11 necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

(cf: P.L. 1968, c. 142, s. 5)

12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2401

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 11, 1988

The Assembly Higher Education and Regulated Professions Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2401.

This bill changes the organizational structure of the board of directors of the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund. Instead of the Chancellor of Higher Education serving as chairman of the board, the board would elect a chairman, vice-chairman and all other officers at an annual organizational meeting. The chancellor, or his designee, would continue to serve on the board.

The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program was established in 1968 (P.L.1968, c. 142; C.18A:71-28 et seq.) to identify, recruit and provide financial assistance to academically and financially disadvantaged students to enable them to attend institutions of higher education. Funds, which may cover tuition and some living expenses, depending on need, are awarded to students for undergraduate or graduate study leading to a degree or certificate. In addition to the regular program, EOF students receive supplementary education including a pre-collegiate summer program.

The EOF board administers the funds appropriated for the program, determines criteria for eligibility for financial assistance based on need and academic potential, and establishes procedures for determining the amount of each award.

As reported this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1719.