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(Job training courses at county colleges — free enrollment for laid off factory workers)

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Bill No: A3173

Sponsor(s): Karcher and others

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Committee: Assembly: Higher Education and Regulated Professions

Senate: Education

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Date of Approval: January 12, 1984

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Sponsor statement: YES

Committee statement: Assembly YES

Senate YES

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Veto Message: YES

Message on Signing: NO

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3173

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 14, 1983

By Assemblymen KARCHER, JANISZEWSKI, COWAN, CHARLES,  
DORIA, JACKMAN, Assemblywoman GARVIN, Assemblymen  
DOYLE, BOCCHINI and PATERO

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of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1 1. As used in this act, "job training course" means any course of  
2 instruction which will provide the individual with an identifiable  
3 job skill and will assist him in gaining reemployment.

1 2. Each county college shall permit a person who *\*has been in*  
2 *the labor market for at least two years and\** is unemployed or  
3 *\*[who]\** has received a lay off notice as a result of a factory or  
4 plant closing to enroll without payment of tuition in a job training  
5 course, provided that *\*he is not eligible for any available State*  
6 *or federal student financial aid and that\** available classroom  
7 space permits and that tuition paying students constitute the  
8 minimum number required for the course. *\*Nothing herein shall*  
9 *preclude a county college from requiring a registration fee not to*  
10 *exceed \$20.00 per academic term.\**

1 *\*\*3. In order to remain eligible for participation in this program,*  
2 *the unemployed worker shall be required to maintain a passing*  
3 *grade in the job training course in which he is enrolled.*

1 *\*\*\*[4. Unemployed workers who enroll in college courses as non-*  
2 *tuition paying students pursuant to this act shall be included when*  
3 *calculating the number of full-time equivalent students for the*  
4 *purpose of determining State aid for the colleges.\*\*]\**

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 printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

\*—Assembly committee amendments adopted April 11, 1983.

\*\*—Senate committee amendments adopted June 27, 1983.

\*\*\*—Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recom-  
mendations November 21, 1983.

1 **\*\*[3.]\*\*** **\*\*[5.]\*\*** **\*\*4.\*\*** The Board of Higher Educa-  
2 tion shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate  
3 the purposes of this act.

1 **\*\*[4.]\*\*** **\*\*[6.]\*\*** **\*\*5.\*\*** This act shall take effect  
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6 for the course.

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2 regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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STATEMENT

This bill provides that a person who is unemployed or has received a lay off notice as a result of a factory or plant closing may enroll in a job training course at a county college, provided that available classroom space permits and that tuition paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course.

This bill will allow certain unemployed workers to acquire the job skills necessary to secure gainful reemployment.

ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND REGULATED  
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3173**

with Assembly committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: APRIL 11, 1983

The Assembly Higher Education and Regulated Professions Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 3173 Aca.

This bill provides that a person who is unemployed or has received a layoff notice as a result of a factory or plant closing may enroll in a job training course at a county college, provided that available classroom space permits and that tuition paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course.

The committee amended the bill to require that to be eligible for enrollment in a course on a non-tuition basis, the individual must have been in the labor market for at least two years and is not eligible for any available State or federal student financial aid. The committee also amended the bill to allow a county college to require a registration fee not to exceed \$20.00 per academic term.

The committee feels that the provisions of this bill will allow certain unemployed workers to secure the skills necessary for gainful reemployment.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3173**

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with Senate committee amendments

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: JUNE 27, 1983

This bill provides that a person who is unemployed or has received a layoff notice as a result of a factory or plant closing may enroll in a job training course at a county college, provided that available classroom space permits and that tuition paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course.

To be eligible for enrollment in a course on a nontuition basis, the individual must have been in the labor market for at least two years and is not eligible for any available State or federal student financial aid. Also, a county college may require a registration fee not to exceed \$20.00 per academic term.

The committee amended the bill to require that the worker maintain a passing grade in order to remain eligible for the program. Also, the amendments provide that these students be included in the college's State aid calculation.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

November 21, 1983

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3173 (2nd OCR)

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the Constitution, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3173 (2nd OCR) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This bill provides that a person who is unemployed or has received a layoff notice as a result of a factory or plant closing may enroll in a job training course at a county college without paying tuition, provided that available classroom space permits and that tuition-paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course. This bill also provides that to be eligible for enrollment in a course on a non-tuition basis, the person must have been in the labor market for at least two years and must not be eligible for any available State or federal student financial aid. A county college may require a registration fee not to exceed \$20 per academic term.

This bill further provides that in order to remain eligible for the program, the person shall be required to maintain a passing grade in the job training course in which he is enrolled. These students shall be included in the county colleges' State aid calculations.

Although I fully agree with the intent and purpose of this bill--which is to enable unemployed workers to secure the skills necessary for gainful re-employment--I am concerned that it without justification provides that such students shall be included in the county colleges' State aid calculations. In light of the fact that this bill provides that such students may only enroll in courses where available classroom space permits and where tuition-paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course, I do not believe that the county colleges will incur any additional costs for servicing these students. Any minimal costs which the colleges may incur could be met through the \$20 registration fee which the colleges are authorized to charge per academic term.

I am also concerned that as used in this bill, the term "labor market" is not defined. Therefore, the actual scope of this bill is unlimited, and it may apply to any variety of technical as well as non-technical labor positions. This bill also does not ensure that the job training will be for jobs that currently exist or will exist in the future. To ensure that the programs will operate in the most cost-efficient manner possible, I believe that they should

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contain safeguards providing that the jobs training courses must be for jobs which presently exist or will exist in the near future. More importantly, I am concerned that this bill does not address linkages with other employment and training activities required by the Federal Job Training Partnership Act of 1982, and the State Jobs Training Program which I signed on September 1, 1983. I believe that any jobs training program for displaced workers should require that each county college implement their programs in conjunction with the jobs training programs organized under the State and Federal acts. I strongly recommend that the New Jersey Board of Higher Education address my concerns when promulgating rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3173 (2nd OCR) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Pages 1-2, Section 4, Lines 1-4: Delete in entirety

Page 2, Section 5, Line 1: Delete "5." and insert "4."

Page 2, Section 6, Line 1: Delete "6." and insert "5."

Respectfully,

/s/ Thomas H. Kean

GOVERNOR

(seal)

Attest:

/s/ W. Cary Edwards  
Chief Counsel