

18A:71-15.1 to 18A:71-15.4; Repeals 18A:71-3

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

HJSA 18A:71-15.1-15.4; Repeals 18A:71-3 (Replaces State Scholarship Commission with student assistance board)
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ASSEMBLY, No. 3411

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 27, 1977

By Assemblymen NEWMAN, MARTIN, EWING
and Assemblywoman MUHLER

Referred to Committee on Education

AN ACT creating a Student Assistance Board supplementing Title
18A of the New Jersey Statutes and repealing ***[18A:71-1 to
18A:71-26 and P. L. 1969, c. 190]*** *N. J. S. 18A:71-3*.

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

1 1. There is hereby created the Student Assistance Board which
2 is responsible to the Board of Higher Education and which shall
3 consist of the Chancellor of the Department of Higher Education
4 or his designee and 12 other members to be appointed by the
5 Governor as follows:

- 6 Four public members who shall be residents of the State;
- 7 One representative of Rutgers, The State University;
- 8 One representative of the State-supported county colleges;
- 9 One representative of the State Colleges;
- 10 One representative of the nontax supported institutions of higher
11 education in the State;

- 12 One representative of the New Jersey Institute of Technology;
- 13 One member of the Educational Opportunity Fund Board;

14 Two New Jersey residents currently enrolled as students in their
15 final year of undergraduate education, one of whom shall attend a
16 public institution of higher education of this State and one who
17 shall attend a nontax supported institution of higher education in
18 this State. These student members shall be selected from candi-
19 dates recommended by the Student Advisory Committee. The term
20 of office of the appointed student members shall be for 1 year.

21 The term of office of the appointed members, except for the
22 initial appointments, shall be for 4 years.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

23 The terms of the initial appointed members shall be fixed by
 24 the Governor in such manner as two shall serve 1-year terms,
 25 two shall serve 2-year terms, three shall serve 3-year terms and
 26 three shall serve 4-year terms. Each member shall serve until his
 27 successor has been appointed and is qualified. Any vacancy in the
 28 board shall be filled by the Governor by the appointment of a
 29 person who shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired terms.
 30 The Student Assistance Board shall annually elect a chairperson
 31 and vice-chairperson from among its public members. The members
 32 of the Student Assistance Board shall serve without compensation,
 33 but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses necessarily in-
 34 curred in the performance of their duties.

1 2. The Student Assistance Board shall create a Student Advisory
 2 Committee which shall include students from all collegiate institu-
 3 tional sectors as defined by the Student Assistance Board in regula-
 4 tions. The chairperson and the vice-chairperson of this committee
 5 shall be elected by its membership and shall serve as the student
 6 representatives on the Student Assistance Board pursuant to
 7 section 1 of this act.

1 3. The Student Assistance Board shall coordinate and admin-
 2 ister *~~the New Jersey Higher Education Tuition Aid Program~~
 3 ~~and the Garden State Scholarship program~~*, **such undergraduate*
 4 *scholarship and tuition aid programs as provided by law** and shall
 5 provide an annual report on these programs to the Board of Higher
 6 Education and to the Legislature.

1 4. Any person who obtains a scholarship or tuition assistance
 2 grant under any program administered by the Student Assistance
 3 Board by knowingly and willfully furnishing false information
 4 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereto be
 5 punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment
 6 for not more than 3 years, or both. A statement to this effect shall
 7 be distributed with all application forms utilized for any program
 8 administered by the Student Assistance Board.

1 5. ~~All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are re-~~
 2 ~~pealed, and without limiting the general effect of this act in repeal-~~
 3 ~~ing acts so inconsistent herewith, the following acts are specifically~~
 4 ~~repealed:~~

5 N. J. S. 18A:71-1 to 18A:71-26, inclusive P. L. 1969, c. 190
 6 (C. 18A:71-50 to 18A:71-60).* **N. J. S. 18A:71-3 is repealed.**

1 *~~6. Unexpended balances from the repealed acts shall be appor-~~
 2 ~~tioned between the programs under its administration to reflect~~

3 current utilization by the Student Assistance Board and transferred
4 to said programs.】*

1 *【7. The provisions of this act creating a Student Assistance
2 Board shall take effect immediately. The Student Assistance Board
3 shall take such actions and expend such funds as are necessary to
4 implement programs under its authority. All other provisions of
5 this act shall take effect on June 30, 1977.】*

1 *6. *This act shall take effect immediately; however, the State*
2 *Scholarship Commission shall continue to administer all scholar-*
3 *ship and tuition aid programs as presently provided by law until*
4 *the appointment and qualification in office of the members of the*
5 *Student Assistance Board.**

1 7. The provisions of this act creating a Student Assistance
2 Board shall take effect immediately. The Student Assistance Board
3 shall take such actions and expend such funds as are necessary to
4 implement programs under its authority. All other provisions of
5 this act shall take effect on June 30, 1977.

STATEMENT

This bill creates a new public board, to administer the coordinated Tuition Aid Grant Program and the Garden State Scholarship Program. The commission replaces the former State Scholarship Commission with a more broadly representative body drawn from the public, students, and all institutional sectors of the higher education community. The bill also contains repealers to delete statutes inconsistent with the coordinated financial assistance program as recommended by the State Board of Higher Education.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3411

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 26, 1977

PROVISIONS:

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports this bill which replaces the State Scholarship Commission with a Student Assistance Board designed to administer and coordinate the unified Tuition Aid Grant Program.

<i>State Scholarship Commission</i>	<i>Student Assistance Board</i>
Chancellor	Chancellor
3 public members	4 public members
1 representative of Rutgers	1 representative of Rutgers
1 representative—State Colleges	1 representative—State Colleges
3 representatives— independent colleges	1 representative— independent colleges
	1 representative— county colleges
	1 representative— New Jersey Institute of Technology
	1 representative— EOF Board
	2 students

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

1. Section 3 gives the board authority over two specific programs which are not yet enacted into law. The general language would permit the expanded board to administer programs currently in place, as well as any programs developed in the future to replace or supplement the State student aid program.

2. Section 5 repeals the statutes which provide for the State competitive scholarship, Education Incentive Grant and Edwin A. Aldrin Scholarship programs.

This is a policy decision and should be considered in connection with the new programs, especially the Garden State Scholarship program proposed in Assembly Bill No. 3412. The same is true of reappropriating balances from current programs to new programs. Therefore, sections 5 and 6 are deleted.

3. The enactment clause specifies programs which have not yet been established by the Legislature. Under the proposed language, the board could be established immediately, and could administer present programs until such time as new programs were enacted.