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SYNOPSIS

Provides veterans with up to 60 credits tuition-free at county college serving county of residence.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee with technical review.



1 AN ACT concerning tuition benefits for veterans and supplementing
2 chapter 64A of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. As used in this section, “veteran” means a citizen and
8 resident of this State who served on active duty in the Armed
9 Forces of the United States, or a Reserve component thereof, and
10 who was honorably discharged or released under honorable
11 circumstances from active service.

12 b. A veteran who has been accepted to pursue a course of study
13 at the New Jersey county college serving the veteran’s county of
14 residence, and who is enrolled as a student in good standing at that
15 county college, shall be eligible to receive up to 60 credits tuition-
16 free provided that:

17 (1) the veteran has applied for all available State student grants
18 and scholarships and all available federal student grants and
19 scholarships for which the veteran is eligible; and

20 (2) the veteran has applied for tuition benefits available through
21 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for which the
22 veteran is eligible under the “Post-9/11 Veterans Educational
23 Assistance Act of 2008,” Pub.L.110-252 (38 U.S.C. s.3301 et seq.),
24 except that such application shall not be required in the case of a
25 tuition benefit transfer by the veteran as permitted by federal law.

26 In the event that the county college in which the veteran is
27 enrolled awards the veteran any credits for military experience,
28 those credits shall count toward the maximum number of 60 credits
29 tuition-free.

30 c. The financial aid office of the county college in which the
31 veteran is enrolled shall advise the veteran of any available State
32 and federal student grants and scholarships for which the veteran
33 may be eligible.

34 d. Nothing in this section shall preclude a county college from
35 requiring the payment of other fees, subject to approval by the State
36 Treasurer, for veterans who are eligible for tuition benefits pursuant
37 to the provisions of this section.

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
40 the first full academic year beginning after the effective date of this
41 act.