

# SENATE, No. 2005

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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits spouses and dependents of military service members to qualify for in-State tuition in event that service member is transferred to another state.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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



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1 AN ACT concerning in-State tuition rates for certain students  
2 attending public institutions of higher education and amending  
3 P.L.1985, c.231.

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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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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.231 (C.18A:62-4.1) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. United States military personnel and their spouses and  
11 dependents who are living in New Jersey and are attending public  
12 institutions of higher education in New Jersey shall be regarded as  
13 residents of the State for the purpose of determining tuition.

14 In the event that a United States military service member is  
15 relocated out of the State due to the service member's continued  
16 military service, the service member's spouse or dependent shall  
17 continue to be regarded as residents of the State for the purpose of  
18 determining tuition provided that: (1) the spouse or dependent was  
19 enrolled in a public institution of higher education in New Jersey  
20 prior to the service member's relocation; and (2) the spouse or  
21 dependent maintains continuous enrollment at the public institution  
22 of higher education.

23 b. A dependent child of United States military personnel who  
24 attended high school in New Jersey for a minimum of three years  
25 shall be regarded by a public institution of higher education in New  
26 Jersey as a resident of the State for the purpose of determining  
27 tuition, regardless of where the dependent child resides upon  
28 enrollment in the institution.

29 (cf: P.L.2021, c.49, s.1)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**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.**