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## **ASSEMBLY, No. 4924**

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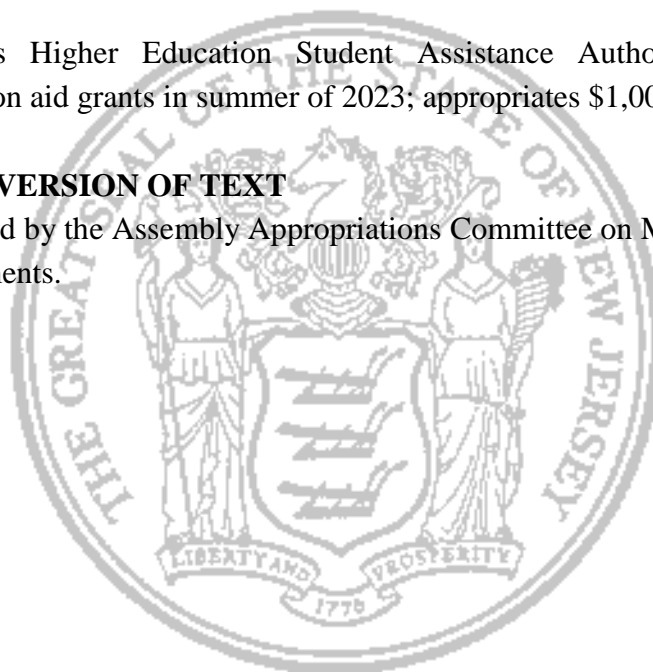
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### **SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award summer tuition aid grants in summer of 2023; appropriates \$1,000.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on March 23, 2023, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/30/2023)**

1 AN ACT concerning student financial assistance, amending  
2 N.J.S.18A:71B-20, <sup>1</sup>**[and]**<sup>1</sup> supplementing chapter 71B of Title  
3 18A of the New Jersey Statutes<sup>1</sup>, and making an appropriation<sup>1</sup>.  
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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. N.J.S.18A:71B-20 is amended to read as follows:

9 18A:71B-20. a. A State tuition aid grant shall be awarded  
10 annually to each eligible, qualified full-time undergraduate student  
11 enrolled in a curriculum leading to a degree or certificate in an  
12 eligible institution, or in an institution of higher education in  
13 another state, provided that state permits its residents to utilize its  
14 state student financial assistance grants in New Jersey institutions  
15 of higher education through reciprocity agreements approved by the  
16 authority. In no event shall a State tuition aid grant be utilized at an  
17 out-of-State institution which is not licensed by that state and  
18 accredited by a regional accrediting association recognized by a  
19 national accrediting organization.

20 b. To each New Jersey resident enrolled as a full-time student,  
21 except as otherwise provided in subsection d. of this section, and  
22 meeting the other requirements for eligibility under this chapter, the  
23 State shall grant an amount as provided in N.J.S.18A:71B-21. A  
24 student shall not be eligible for a grant unless the application is in a  
25 form satisfactory to the authority. A student shall not be eligible for  
26 grants for more than four and one-half academic years, unless the  
27 recipient is enrolled in an undergraduate program regularly  
28 requiring five academic years for completion, in which case the  
29 authority shall permit five and one-half years of eligibility.  
30 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a student receiving aid  
31 under the provisions of P.L.1968, c.142 (C.18A:71-28 et seq.) shall  
32 be entitled to a sixth year of eligibility. Notwithstanding the  
33 foregoing provisions, a county college student who transfers to a  
34 four- year institution, or any student who is required to pursue 18 or  
35 more credit hours in a remedial or developmental curriculum, as  
36 defined by regulations adopted by the authority, is entitled to an  
37 additional half year of eligibility. For the purpose of this article, a  
38 remedial curriculum shall include only noncredit courses in which a  
39 student is directed to enroll by the institution. Eligibility for tuition  
40 aid grants may be extended to part-time students through  
41 regulations developed by the authority if funds are separately  
42 appropriated for this purpose. A student shall not be eligible for  
43 grants unless the student maintains such minimum standards of  
44 academic performance as are required by the institution of  
45 enrollment. A student who is enrolled in a course leading to a

**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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted March 23, 2023.

1 degree in theology or divinity shall not be eligible for a tuition aid  
2 grant.

3 c. A person shall not be awarded a State tuition aid grant unless  
4 that person:

5 (1) satisfies the residency and other requirements provided in  
6 article 1 of this part;

7 (2) has applied for State tuition aid and has been determined by  
8 the authority to be eligible for the tuition aid;

9 (3) has demonstrated financial need for the tuition aid as  
10 determined by and in accordance with standards to be established  
11 by the authority; and

12 (4) maintains satisfactory academic progress in accordance with  
13 standards established by the authority.

14 d. Eligibility criteria for summer tuition aid grants awarded  
15 pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
16 Legislature as this bill) shall conform to the requirements of this  
17 section and shall include the following additional eligibility criteria:

18 (1) the student is enrolled in six or more credit hours in the  
19 summer term;

20 (2) the courses for which the summer tuition aid grant is to be  
21 applied are in the same undergraduate program at the same  
22 institution in which the student was enrolled during the fall or  
23 spring semester of the preceding academic year; and

24 (3) the courses for which the summer tuition aid grant is to be  
25 applied may be credited toward the student's graduation or  
26 academic major requirements.

27 (cf: N.J.S.18A:71B-20)

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29 2. (New section) a. <sup>1</sup>**【The】** For the summer 2023 semester  
30 only, the<sup>1</sup> authority shall award summer tuition aid grants for  
31 eligible students pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71B-20. A summer tuition  
32 aid grant shall be applied toward the tuition costs outside of the  
33 academic year, as defined in N.J.S.18A:71B-4. The receipt of a  
34 summer tuition aid grant shall not: (1) reduce the amount of a  
35 tuition aid grant awarded to the student during the academic year;  
36 (2) be included when determining the student's maximum tuition  
37 aid grant awards pursuant to subsection b. of this section; or (3)  
38 otherwise adversely affect the student's eligibility for an award  
39 under this chapter.

40 b. A summer tuition aid grant shall be prorated against the full-  
41 time tuition aid grant awarded in the preceding semester as follows:  
42 an eligible student enrolled with six to eight credits shall receive  
43 one-half of the value of a full-time award, and an eligible student  
44 enrolled with nine to 11 credits shall receive three-quarters of a full-  
45 time award.

46 c. <sup>1</sup>**【A student shall not be eligible for more than four summer**  
47 **tuition aid grants.**

1       d. (1) **1** Summer tuition aid grants awarded pursuant to this  
2 section shall be funded by <sup>1</sup>the appropriation made to the authority  
3 pursuant to section 3 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
4 Legislature as this bill) and any additional amounts as may be required  
5 from the unexpended balance of funds previously awarded for tuition  
6 aid grants as of the effective date of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending  
7 before the Legislature as this bill). The Legislature may award funds  
8 in addition to those appropriated to the authority pursuant to section 3  
9 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
10 by<sup>1</sup> a separate line item.

11       **1** **1** (2) The amount of funds appropriated for full-time tuition aid  
12 grants shall not be reduced or diverted to implement the provisions  
13 of this act.

14       (3) The amount of funds appropriated for part-time tuition aid  
15 grants shall not be reduced or diverted to implement the provisions  
16 of this act. **1**

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18       <sup>1</sup>**3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Higher  
19 Education Student Assistance Authority the sum of \$1,000 for the  
20 purpose of awarding summer tuition aid grants in the summer of 2023  
21 pursuant to the provisions of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before  
22 the Legislature as this bill).<sup>1</sup>

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24       <sup>1</sup>**[3.] 4.**<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.