

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5404**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**220th LEGISLATURE**

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**District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits eligible high school students to take certain courses at county college.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning dual enrollment programs 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. A county college shall permit a high school student to  
8 enroll in courses offered through a career certificate program  
9 provided that there is available classroom space and the student:

10 (1) is a resident of the State;

11 (2) is 16 years of age or older and is enrolled in grade 12;

12 (3) maintains good academic standing; and

13 (4) obtains written permission from the principal of the high  
14 school at which the student is enrolled.

15 b. A student enrolling in a credit course towards a career  
16 certification or license pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall  
17 not be required to have a State-endorsed diploma or have completed  
18 the General Educational Development Test prior to enrolling in the  
19 courses.

20 c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a county  
21 college to waive its prerequisite course requirements or application  
22 procedures for any program, department, or school of the county  
23 college.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
26 the first full academic year next following the date of enactment.

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29 STATEMENT

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31 This bill permits eligible high school students to take certain  
32 courses at a county college.

33 Under the bill, a county college is required to permit a high  
34 school student to enroll in courses through a career certificate  
35 program if there is available space and the student is 16 years of  
36 age or older and enrolled in grade 12, maintains good academic  
37 standing, and obtains written permission from the principal of the  
38 student's high school. Additionally, the bill specifies that a high  
39 school student enrolling in credit courses towards a career  
40 certification or license is not required to have a State-endorsed  
41 diploma or have completed the General Educational Development  
42 Test prior to enrolling in the courses.

43 Finally, the bill stipulates that the provisions of the bill do not  
44 require a county college to waive its prerequisite course  
45 requirements or application procedures.