

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5578

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award summer tuition aid grants in summer 2024.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/15/2023)**

1 AN ACT concerning student financial assistance and amending  
2 P.L.2023, c.34.

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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. Section 2 of P.L.2023, c.34 (C.18A:71B-20a) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 2. a. For the summer 2023 **[semester]** and summer 2024  
10 semesters only, the authority shall award summer tuition aid grants  
11 for eligible students pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71B-20. A summer  
12 tuition aid grant shall be applied toward the tuition costs outside of  
13 the academic year, as defined in N.J.S.18A:71B-4. The receipt of a  
14 summer tuition aid grant shall not: (1) reduce the amount of a  
15 tuition aid grant awarded to the student during the academic year;  
16 (2) be included when determining the student's maximum tuition aid  
17 grant awards pursuant to subsection b. of this section; or (3)  
18 otherwise adversely affect the student's eligibility for an award  
19 under this chapter.

20 b. A summer tuition aid grant shall be prorated against the full-  
21 time tuition aid grant awarded in the preceding semester as follows:  
22 an eligible student enrolled with six to eight credits shall receive  
23 one-half of the value of a full-time award, and an eligible student  
24 enrolled with nine to 11 credits shall receive three-quarters of a full-  
25 time award.

26 c. Summer tuition aid grants awarded for the summer 2023  
27 semester pursuant to this section shall be funded by the  
28 appropriation made to the authority pursuant to section 3 of  
29 P.L.2023, c.34 and any additional amounts as may be required from  
30 the unexpended balance of funds previously awarded for tuition aid  
31 grants as of the effective date of P.L.2023, c.34 (C.18A:71B-20 et  
32 al.). The Legislature may award funds in addition to those  
33 appropriated to the authority pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023, c.34  
34 by a separate line item.

35 d. Summer tuition aid grants awarded for the summer 2024  
36 semester pursuant to this section shall be funded by any amounts as  
37 may be required from the unexpended balance of funds appropriated  
38 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of providing tuition aid grants in  
39 the fall 2023 and spring 2024 semesters. The Legislature may  
40 appropriate additional funds to the authority as may be necessary to  
41 fund summer tuition aid grants awarded for the summer 2024  
42 semester pursuant to this section by a separate line item.

43 (cf: P.L.2023, c.34, s.2)

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45 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.

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This bill authorizes the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award summer tuition aid grants for eligible students in the summer 2024 semester.

Under current law, a student may be eligible for a summer tuition aid grant in the summer 2023 semester only, provided that: the student is enrolled in six or more credit hours in the summer term; the courses for which the summer tuition aid grant is to be applied are in the same undergraduate program at the same institution in which the student was enrolled during the fall and spring semesters of the preceding academic year; and the courses for which the summer tuition aid grant is to be applied may be credited towards the student's graduation or academic major requirements.

The bill amends current law to extend summer tuition aid grants to the summer 2024 semester. The bill also stipulates that summer 2024 grants are to be funded by any amounts as may be required from the unexpended balance of funds previously awarded for tuition aid grants. Finally, the bill permits the Legislature to appropriate additional funds for the summer 2024 grants by a separate line item.