

CHAPTER 312
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AN ACT concerning social services supports at county colleges and supplementing chapter 64A of Title 18A and Title 44 of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:64A-29.1 Social services supports for county college students in need; partnerships to increase enrollment.

1. The New Jersey Council of County Colleges shall collaborate with each county college in the State to identify gaps in meeting basic student needs among low-income students. The council shall, in consultation with the Department of Human Services, provide information to designated representatives at county colleges on available social services supports and enrollment procedures. The council may facilitate partnerships between county colleges and State agencies, county boards of social services, or community-based and other non-profit organizations to increase enrollment in social services supports among students in need.

C.18A:64A-23.5 Direct assistance to students; access to social service supports.

2. Each county college shall work with a representative of the county board of social services designated pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of P.L.2025, c.312 (C.44:10-104.1) to provide direct assistance to students and to help students to access social services supports.

C.44:10-104.1 Assistance with applications; board of social services designee.

3. a. The Division of Family Development in the Department of Human Services shall work with local workforce development boards and community college staff to better assist students with applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Childcare Subsidy, and other available social services supports.

b. Each county board of social services shall designate an employee of the agency to be responsible for collaborating with the county's community college representatives to ensure social services supports applications and related documents meet all requirements for consideration. The designee shall implement strategies to streamline the application process for social services supports for students enrolled in the county college.

C.18A:64A-91 Identification of unemployed and underemployed residents to benefit from county college enrollment.

4. Each county college and local workforce development board shall establish a partnership to jointly engage with workforce training providers, economic development organizations, and community-based and other non-profit organizations to assist the entities in identifying populations of unemployed and underemployed residents who may benefit from enrollment in a county college if a partnership consistent with the provisions of this section does not currently exist. The partnerships shall facilitate enrollment in county colleges to provide career pathways.

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 20, 2026.