

SENATE, No. 671

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires students to complete free application for federal student aid as part of high school graduation requirements or request an exemption.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning graduation requirements for high school
2 students and supplementing P.L.1979, c.241 (C.18A:7C-1 et
3 seq.).
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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. a. Beginning with the grade eleven class of the first full
9 school year following the date of enactment of this act, the State
10 Board of Education shall require that the local graduation
11 requirements adopted by a board of education include the
12 requirement that a student complete and submit a free application
13 for federal student aid. A student shall be exempt from the
14 graduation requirement if the student submits to the school district a
15 form signed by the parent or guardian, or by the student if the
16 student is at least 18 years of age, requesting the exemption.

17 b. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
18 Executive Director of the Higher Education Student Assistance
19 Authority, shall publish a list of resources for school districts,
20 parents, and students that include instructions on how to complete a
21 free application for federal student aid.
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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply in
24 the first full school year following the date of enactment.
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27 STATEMENT
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29 This bill requires that local graduation requirements adopted by
30 boards of education will include a requirement that students
31 complete and submit the free application for federal student aid,
32 generally referred to as the FAFSA, beginning with the grade
33 eleven class of the first full school year following the date of
34 enactment of the bill. Students will be exempted from the
35 requirement if a parent or guardian, or the student if the student is at
36 least 18 years of age, signs and submits a form requesting the
37 exemption.

38 The bill also requires that the Commissioner of Education, in
39 consultation with the Executive Director of the Higher Education
40 Student Assistance Authority, publish a list of resources for school
41 districts, parents and students, including instructions on how to
42 complete and submit the FAFSA.