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221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires each institution of higher education to designate student parent liaison.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning student parents at institutions of higher
2 education and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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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. Each institution of higher education shall designate at
9 least one employee to serve as a student parent liaison. The student
10 parent liaison shall be responsible for ensuring that student parents are
11 both aware of and able to access the necessary services for their
12 academic success. The student parent liaison shall, at a minimum,
13 provide information to student parents on the availability of:

- 14 (1) academic support services;
15 (2) student academic success strategies; and
16 (3) any other resources developed by the institution to meet the
17 unique needs of student parents.

18 b. The student parent liaison shall serve as the primary point of
19 contact for student parents seeking accommodations or leave related to
20 parenting.

21 c. Contact information for the student parent liaison shall be
22 easily accessible through the Internet website of the institution.

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24 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
25 beginning after the date of enactment.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill directs each institution of higher education to
31 designate at least one employee to serve as a student parent liaison.
32 The student parent liaison is to ensure that student parents are both
33 aware of and able to access the necessary services for their academic
34 success. The student parent liaison is to, at a minimum, provide
35 information to student parents on the availability of:

- 36 (1) academic support services;
37 (2) student academic success strategies; and
38 (3) any other resources developed by the institution to meet the
39 unique needs of student parents.

40 Under the bill, the student parent liaison is to be the primary
41 point of contact for student parents seeking accommodations or leave
42 related to parenting. Contact information for the student parent
43 liaison is to be easily accessible through the Internet website of the
44 institution.