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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits institutions of higher education from requiring students who have children to purchase meal plans, live in on-campus housing, or pay gym fees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on October 29, 2026.

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AN ACT concerning certain students enrolled in institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1. [1]a.[1] An institution of higher education shall not require any student enrolled in the institution who has full or partial custody of a child to:

[1]**[**a.**]** (1)[1] purchase a meal plan;

[1]**[**b.**]** (2)[1] reside in on-campus housing except when required as a condition of entry into a residential cohort or access program or as a condition of receipt of a scholarship; or

[1]**[**c.**]** (3)[1] pay any fees associated with the use of a campus gym, fitness center, or other recreational facility, as long as the fee is not associated with fees for other campus services including, but not limited to, transportation. The institution shall not be required to allow a student to use the campus gym, fitness center, or other recreational facility if the associated fees are not paid.

[1]b. Within six months of the date of enactment of this act, the Secretary of Higher Education shall issue guidelines and criteria to institutions of higher education for verifying that a student qualifies for the exemptions provided pursuant to this section.

c. The provisions of this section shall comply with all applicable federal and State anti-discrimination and privacy laws.[1]

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply in the first full academic year beginning after the effective date of this act.

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.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
[1]Assembly floor amendments adopted October 29, 2026.