[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3424

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

222nd LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2026 SESSION

Sponsored by:
Assemblywoman HEATHER SIMMONS
District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

SYNOPSIS

Grants priority course registration to certain student parents attending institutions of higher education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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

AN ACT concerning priority registration at institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 62 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1. a. [1]**[**A**]** An undergraduate[1] student enrolled in an institution of higher education that provides priority registration for [1]any other undergraduate[1] students shall be granted priority in registering for courses at the institution provided that the student is:

(1) the parent or legal guardian of a child who is under 18 years of age; and

(2) a resident of the State.

b. Priority course registration shall occur using the same procedures used by other segments of the student population that are offered priority registration by the institution.

c. Prior to the registration period for each academic semester, an institution shall provide notice to students who may be eligible for priority registration pursuant to this section.

[2]d. Within six months of the date of enactment of this act, the Secretary of Higher Education shall issue guidelines and criteria for verifying that a student qualifies for priority registration pursuant to this section.

e. The provisions of this section shall comply with all applicable federal and State anti-discrimination and privacy laws.[2]

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.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
[1]Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted October 5, 2026.
[2]Assembly floor amendments adopted October 29, 2026.