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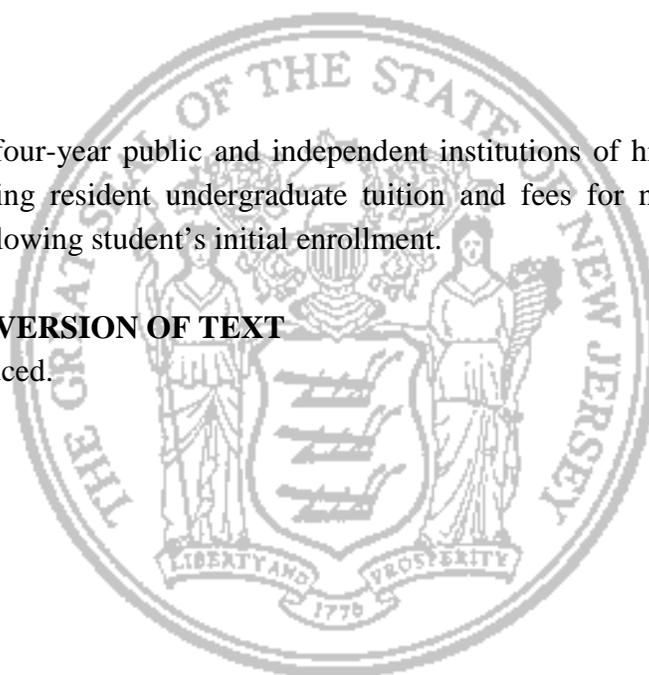
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Assemblywoman Mosquera, Assemblymen Coughlin and Garcia**

SYNOPSIS

Prohibits four-year public and independent institutions of higher education from increasing resident undergraduate tuition and fees for nine continuous semesters following student's initial enrollment.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning undergraduate tuition and fees at public and
2 independent institutions of higher education and supplementing
3 chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
9 regulation to the contrary, a four-year public or independent
10 institution of higher education shall not increase the tuition and fees
11 of a resident undergraduate student for nine continuous semesters
12 following the student's initial enrollment in the institution or, in the
13 case of a student enrolled in an undergraduate program regularly
14 requiring more than four academic years to complete, for the
15 number of semesters required for completion.

16 b. In the event that a resident undergraduate student is
17 approved for a leave of absence from the institution for a period of
18 more than one year, upon re-enrollment in the institution, the
19 student shall not be eligible for the resident undergraduate tuition
20 and fees charged to the student during the student's initial semester
21 of enrollment.

22 c. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to an
23 independent institution of higher education having a total
24 endowment of more than \$1,000,000,000.

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26 2. When the governing board of a four-year public or
27 independent institution of higher education adopts the tuition and
28 fees for the upcoming academic year, the board shall also prepare a
29 nonbinding document that discloses the governing board's estimate
30 of the tuition and fees for the next four cohorts of students who will
31 initially enroll in the institution in each of the four academic years
32 following the upcoming academic year.

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34 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
35 students who initially enroll in four-year public or independent
36 institutions of higher education in the 2014-2015 academic year.

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39 STATEMENT

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41 This bill prohibits a four-year public or independent institution
42 of higher education from increasing the tuition and fees of a
43 resident undergraduate student for nine continuous semesters
44 following the student's initial enrollment in the institution or, in the
45 case of a student enrolled in an undergraduate program regularly
46 requiring more than four academic years to complete, for the
47 number of semesters required for completion.

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1 Under the bill, if a student is approved for a leave of absence
2 from the institution for a period of more than one year, the student
3 will no longer be eligible for the undergraduate tuition and fees
4 charged to the student during the student's initial semester of
5 enrollment.

6 The bill also provides that when the governing board of the
7 institution adopts the tuition and fees for the upcoming academic
8 year, the board will also prepare a nonbinding document that
9 discloses the governing board's estimate of the tuition and fees for
10 the next four cohorts of students who will initially enroll in the
11 institution in each of the four academic years following the
12 upcoming academic year.

13 The provisions of this bill are not applicable to an independent
14 institution having a total endowment of more than \$1,000,000,000.