Assembly Higher Education Committee
October 27, 2016
Assembly Bill No. 4085
“Succeed in New Jersey” Student Loan Reimbursement Program

The state colleges and universities support this legislation.

We appreciate that the bill does not delineate specific occupations but rather allows the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to designate fields of employment that either have an unmet workforce need in New Jersey, or provides a public good or benefit to the citizens of the State and is a low-wage field.

This broad approach will help to encourage our students to pursue their aspirations while at the same time serving the workforce needs of New Jersey.

The committee may wish to limit the benefits that would be created by this legislation to graduates of New Jersey’s institutions of higher education, rather than graduates “from an institution of higher education located in the United States,” as stated in Section 1.b.(3).