

CHAPTER 9

AN ACT concerning tuition assistance for members of the New Jersey National Guard and amending P.L.1999, c.46.

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

1. Section 21 of P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:62-24) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:62-24 Tuition benefits for members of New Jersey National Guard.

21. Any member of the New Jersey National Guard shall be permitted to attend regularly-scheduled courses at any public institution of higher education in this State enumerated in N.J.S.18A:62-1 and receive up to 15 credits per semester tuition-free provided that:

- a. the member has completed Initial Active Duty Training and is in good standing as an active member of the New Jersey National Guard;
- b. the member has been accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;
- c. the member has applied for all available State student grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and scholarships for which the member is eligible; and
- d. available classroom space permits and tuition-paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course.

2. Section 22 of P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:62-25) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:62-25 Eligibility of child, surviving spouse of certain members of New Jersey National Guard for tuition benefits.

22. Any child or surviving spouse of a member of the New Jersey National Guard who heretofore completed Initial Active Duty Training and was killed in the performance of his duties while on active duty with the New Jersey National Guard, or who hereafter completes Initial Active Duty Training and is killed in the performance of his duties while a member of the New Jersey National Guard, shall be permitted to attend regularly-scheduled courses at any public institution of higher education in this State enumerated in N.J.S.18A:62-1 and receive up to 15 credits per semester tuition-free provided that:

- a. the child or spouse has been accepted to pursue a course of undergraduate study and is enrolled as an undergraduate student in good standing at that institution or a course of graduate study and is enrolled as a graduate student in good standing at that institution;
- b. the child or spouse has applied for all available State student grants and scholarships and all available federal student grants and scholarships for which the child or spouse is eligible; and
- c. available classroom space permits and tuition-paying students constitute the minimum number required for the course.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 29, 2001.