

CHAPTER 427

AN ACT concerning higher education 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; State payment.

21. a. 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:

(1) the member has completed Initial Active Duty Training and is in good standing as an active member of the New Jersey National Guard;

(2) 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; and

(3) 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.

b. The State shall reimburse a public institution of higher education for the tuition cost of each National Guard member who enrolls in the institution pursuant to the provisions of this section.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 8, 2002.