

## CHAPTER 33

AN ACT concerning certain students at New Jersey institutions of higher education.

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

C.18A:62-4.3 Student at public institution of higher education, re-enrollment right, refund of fees if called to active duty for certain military operations.

1. A student who is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or of the Reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States and who is unable to complete a course at a New Jersey public institution of higher education because the student is called to active duty as a consequence of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation Iraqi Freedom shall be entitled to re-enroll in the course upon the completion of military service or to receive a refund of any tuition and fees paid for that course. A student who has paid room, board, or other fees to the institution shall also be entitled to a refund of the portion of those charges attributable to the time period in which the facilities or services were not used by the student.

New Jersey independent institutions of higher education are encouraged to provide the same re-enrollment right and refunds for their students who are members of the New Jersey National Guard or of the Reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States and who are called to active duty as a consequence of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

2. This act shall take effect immediately, shall apply to the 2002-2003 academic year and thereafter, and shall expire one year following the termination of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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