

CHAPTER 280

AN ACT concerning notification of eligibility for the NJ STARS Program and supplementing P.L.2004, c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et seq.)

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

C.18A:71B-85.5 Provision of information to students relative to eligibility for NJ STARS.

1. a. In September of each school year, the board of education of a school district or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic school shall provide each student in the 9th grade with general information on the New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program created pursuant to P.L.2004, c.59 (C.18A:71B-81 et seq.).

b. In September of each school year, the board of education of a school district or the chief school administrator of a nonpublic school shall notify each student in the 11th grade who is ranked in the top 25.0% of the class of his potential to qualify for the NJ STARS Program if the student's class rank at the time of high school graduation is within the top 15.0% of the graduating class.

The notification shall include information about the rigorous course of study required to qualify for the program.

A student in the 12th grade shall be notified of conditional eligibility for the NJ STARS Program by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of P.L.2008, c.124 (C.18A:71B-85.1).

c. The notification by the board of education or chief school administrator required pursuant to subsections a. and b. of this section shall be communicated via regular or electronic mail or sent home with the student and include a brief description of the NJ STARS Program and the requirements for eligibility for the program.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to the 2009-2010 school year.

Approved January 17, 2010.