

CHAPTER 73

AN ACT concerning tuition for summer school and supplementing chapter 11 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:11-14 Findings, declarations relative to summer school tuition.

1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
 - a. School districts around the State are feeling the effects of the tough economic climate;
 - b. Reductions in State aid are requiring boards of education to make drastic cuts in programs and services offered in their school districts;
 - c. Many school districts have been forced, for example, to eliminate summer school programs, resulting in a decrease Statewide in the availability of these types of programs; and
 - d. Allowing school districts to charge tuition for those students able to pay for courses provided during the summer session would help school districts ensure that these valuable programs remain available to the students who need them.

C.18A:11-15 Tuition charge for certain summer courses; terms defined.

2. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a board of education may charge tuition for a remedial or advanced course provided during a summer school session to a student who resides in the district in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) for a student from a household with a household income that exceeds the most recent federal poverty guidelines multiplied by 1.85, the district may charge full tuition;

(2) for a student from a household with household income that exceeds the most recent federal poverty guidelines multiplied by 1.30, but is at or below the most recent federal poverty guidelines multiplied by 1.85, the district may charge 75% of the full tuition charged by the board of education;

(3) for a student from a household with a household income that exceeds the most recent federal poverty guidelines, but is at or below the most recent federal poverty guidelines multiplied by 1.30, the district may charge 50% of the full tuition charged by the board of education; and

(4) for a student from a household with a household income at or below the most recent federal poverty guidelines, the district may not charge any tuition.

b. A board of education may charge full tuition to a student who resides in the district for an enrichment course provided during a summer school session, which course carries no credit and is determined by the executive county superintendent of schools to have no direct relationship to the curriculum.

c. A board of education may charge tuition for a remedial, advanced, or enrichment course provided during a summer school session to a student who does not reside in the school district, at an amount to be determined by the board.

d. As used in this section:

“Advanced course” means a course or subject not previously taken in an approved school district program for which additional credits or advanced placement may be awarded upon successful completion of the course.

“Enrichment course” means a course or subject of a vocational nature for which no credits are to be awarded.

“Household income” means income as defined in 7 CFR ss.245.2 and 245.6 or any subsequent superseding federal law or regulation.

“Remedial course” means a course or subject that is a review of a course or subject previously taken for which credits or placements may be awarded upon successful completion of the course.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 9, 2010.