

CHAPTER 386

AN ACT concerning the New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program and amending N.J.S.18A:71C-29.

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

1. N.J.S.18A:71C-29 is amended to read as follows:

Certain actions prohibited concerning NJCLASS loans.

18A:71C-29. a. Unless expressly limited to federal programs, the information exchange, wage withholding, collection procedures, repayment determinations, and other provisions set forth under article 1 of this part shall apply to the NJCLASS Loan Program.

b. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the case of any NJCLASS loan in default status, the authority shall not refer any borrower to the Department of the Treasury, Division of Taxation for Set-Off of Individual Liability or notify the department and the Division of the State Lottery to withhold a borrower's winnings pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1997, c.306 (C.5:9-13.14) if the authority and borrower have entered into a settlement agreement .

c. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any entity designated in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15), or any principal department in the Executive Branch of State government or any division, board, bureau, office, commission, or other instrumentality within or created by such a department, or any other entity created to license or otherwise regulate a profession or occupation, issuing any license, certification, or registration, shall not define a borrower's delinquent or default status on an NJCLASS loan as the basis for the denial, suspension, or revocation of the borrower's professional or occupational license, certification, or registration.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 21, 2020.