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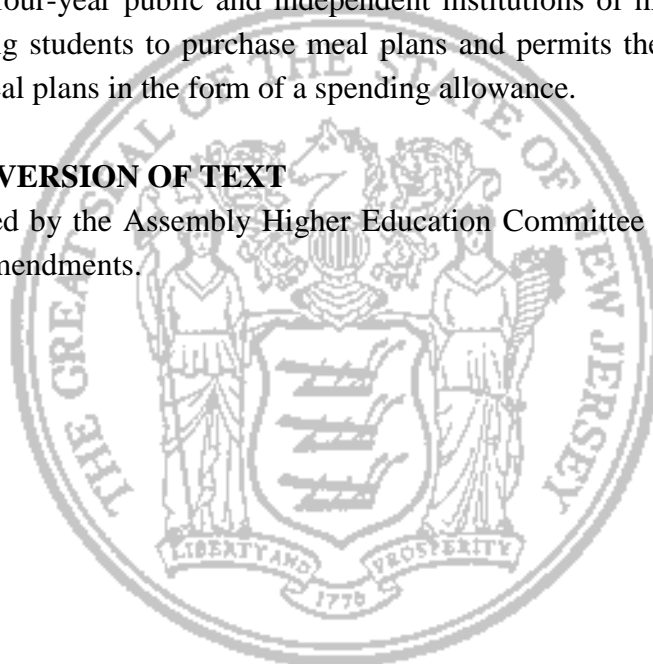
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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits four-year public and independent institutions of higher education from requiring students to purchase meal plans and permits the institutions to only offer meal plans in the form of a spending allowance.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on October 23, 2014, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning meal plans at four-year institutions of higher
2 education and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. A four-year public institution of higher education or
9 independent institution of higher education shall not require any
10 student enrolled in the institution to purchase a meal plan.

11 b. A four-year public institution of higher education or
12 independent institution may only offer a meal plan in the form of a
13 spending allowance, which performs as a debit system. Any funds
14 remaining in the student's spending allowance at the end of a
15 semester shall be either refunded to the student or applied to the
16 student's spending allowance for the next semester.

17 c. This section shall not apply to any four-year independent
18 institution of higher education with a total endowment of more than
19 \$1,000,000,000.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately but shall first apply to
22 students in the ¹**【2014-2015】** 2015-2016¹ academic year.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted October 23, 2014.