

CHAPTER 9

STUDENT ASSISTANCE BOARD

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Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 9, Student Assistance Board, was originally codified in Title 9 as Chapter 7, Student Assistance Programs. Chapter 7, originally the State Scholarship Commission Manual, was filed and became effective pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:62-1 et seq. prior to September 1, 1969. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:71-43 et seq., rules concerning the Student Assistance Board, the Tuition Aid Grant Program, and Garden State Scholars, were adopted as Emergency Rule R.1978 d.106, replacing the prior text, effective March 22, 1978. See: 10 N.J.R. 190(a). Subchapter 5, Public Tuition Benefits Program, was adopted as Emergency Rule R.1980 d.324, effective July 17, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 469(b). Subchapter 6, Garden State Graduate Fellowship Program, was adopted as R.1980 d.462, effective October 20, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 273(e), 12 N.J.R. 694(d).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 7 was readopted as R.1983 d.126, effective April 13, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 129(a), 15 N.J.R. 692(a). Originally, Subchapter 7, Veterans Tuition Credit Program, was adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:71-71 as Emergency Rule R.1977 d.376, effective October 4, 1977, and codified at N.J.A.C. 9:2-11. See: 9 N.J.R. 521(a). An amendment was adopted as R.1981 d.449, effective November 16, 1981. See: 13 N.J.R. 572(a), 13 N.J.R. 845(c). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), N.J.A.C. 9:2-11 expired on November 21, 1984. Subsequently, the expired text of N.J.A.C. 9:2-11 was adopted as R.1986 d.103 and codified at Subchapter 7, effective April 7, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 2844(a), 18 N.J.R. 679(b). Subchapter 8, Vietnam Veterans Tuition Aid Program, was adopted as R.1985 d.569, effective November 4, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 1735(a), 17 N.J.R. 2645(a). Subchapter 9, originally Congressional Teacher Scholarship Program, was adopted as R.1987 d.168, effective April 6, 1987. See: 18 N.J.R. 2174(b), 19 N.J.R. 516(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 7, Student Assistance Programs, was readopted as R.1988 d.128, effective February 29, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a). Subchapter 9 was redesignated the Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program by R.1988 d.131, effective March 21, 1988. See: 19 N.J.R. 2102(a), 20 N.J.R. 663(a). An amendment to Subchapter 8 was adopted as R.1989 d.183, effective April 3, 1989. See: 20 N.J.R. 2625(a), 21 N.J.R. 899(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 7 was readopted as R.1992 d.486, effective November 6, 1992. In addition, R.1992 d.486 redesignated Subchapter 2 as General Provisions for Tuition Aid Grant and Garden State Scholarship Programs, and repealed Subchapters 7 and 8, effective December 7, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).

Chapter 7, Title 9, was recodified as Chapter 9, Title 9A, by R.1995 d.428, effective August 7, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 2043(a), 27 N.J.R. 2906(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 9 was readopted as R.1997 d.454, effective October 1, 1997. See: Source and Effective Date. As part of R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997, Subchap-

ter 6, Garden State Graduate Fellowship Program, was repealed. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. STUDENT ASSISTANCE BOARD

9A:9-1.1 Policy responsibility

The Student Assistance Board shall develop, coordinate, and administer policies for scholarship and tuition aid programs as provided by law and shall provide an annual report on these programs to the Governor and to the Legislature. The Student Assistance Board shall create and adopt such rules and regulations deemed necessary for the proper administration of these programs.

Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.  
 See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).  
 Substituted "Governor" for "Board of Higher Education".

9A:9-1.2 Creation of Student Advisory Committee

The Student Assistance Board shall create a Student Advisory Committee whose purpose shall be to advise the Student Assistance Board on the effect of Board policy and regulations; suggest alternative policy and regulations to the Board; and provide a means of communication between the Student Assistance Board and students. The Student Assistance Board shall initially appoint a nine member Student Advisory Committee from nominations provided by the students and student associations of each college in New Jersey. The nine members, all of whom shall be full-time students, shall consist of two students from independent colleges, two students from Rutgers, The State University, two students from the State colleges, one student from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and two students from the county colleges. Students representing each sector shall be chosen such that in any given year one of the representatives shall complete his or her degree requirements within one academic year from the time of his or her selection and one shall be of lower class rank. Members of the Student Advisory Committee shall serve one year terms and their appointments may be renewed according to the initial appointment process. The Student Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among its members one of whom shall be a student at an independent institution and one of whom shall be a student at a public institution. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall serve as voting members on the Student Assistance Board. In the event of a vacancy on the Student Advisory Committee, the Student Assistance Board may fill the vacancy in the same manner as the original appointment.

Amended by R.1988 d.128, effective March 21, 1988.  
 See: 20 N.J.R. 33(a), 20 N.J.R. 656(a).  
 Changed "for" to "from".  
 Amended by R.1992 d.486, effective December 7, 1992.  
 See: 24 N.J.R. 2510(a), 24 N.J.R. 4373(a).  
 Stylistic revisions.  
 Administrative Correction.  
 See: 25 N.J.R. 1513(a).  
 Amended by R.1997 d.454, effective November 3, 1997.  
 See: 29 N.J.R. 2763(a), 29 N.J.R. 4679(b).

SUBCHAPTER 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR TUITION AID GRANT AND GARDEN STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

9A:9-2.1 Undergraduate enrollment

Students must be enrolled or plan to be enrolled as full-time undergraduate students matriculated in a curriculum leading to a degree or certificate in an eligible institution as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:71-47 in order to be eligible for student assistance. Students possessing an undergraduate degree (either a Baccalaureate or Associate degree) are not eligible for student assistance at that degree level. Certification of full-time status is the responsibility of the enrolling institution based on the current institutional definition of full-time status and subject to review and approval by the Student Assistance Board.