

Outline of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Financial Support for Higher Education

Purport

To eliminate a situation in which people are prevented from having the ideal number of children due to higher education costs, starting from FY 2025, based on the "Future Strategy for Children" (Cabinet Decision on December 22, 2023) that decided to make tuition fees free for students from households with several (three or more) children, the State will amend the Act on Financial Support for Higher Education and take measures such as **establishing a reduction system for tuition fees of universities, etc. for students from households with several children** in order to **reduce the burden** of educational expenses on families paying educational expenses for several children.

Outline

1. Review of the Purpose of the Act [Re: Article 1]

The purpose of this Act is to reduce the burden of educational expenses on families paying educational expenses for several children or families in a situation where it is extremely difficult to ask to pay educational expenses due to economic reasons, by the society as a whole to bear a part of the burden of educational expenses for those families, and reduce tuition fees of universities for the students of those families, thereby contributing to the realization of a society in which people are able to have hope for raising children.

2. Addition of Persons Eligible for Reduction of Tuition Fees [Re: Article 4]

Persons eligible for reduction of tuition fees are:

- (1) in addition to students from low-income households (students who are in a situation where it is extremely difficult to ask students and their breadwinners to bear the tuition fees, etc.),
- (2) students from households with several children (students whose livelihood is sustained by the breadwinner of a family with three or more children).

*There is no income limit for students from households with several children.

3. Development of Provisions for Approval Procedures [Re: Article 5 and Article 6]

The State will develop approval procedures necessary for students to be reduced tuition fees, and provisions on procedures for approval of changes when the grounds for approval have changed.

4. New Establishment of Matters to be Considered for Reductions of Tuition Fees

[Re: Article 15]

The State is to give consideration so that the reduction of tuition fees etc. for students from low-income households will be a comprehensive support on various expenses for higher education, together with the provision of school expenses prescribed in the Act on the Japan Student Services Organization, Incorporated Administrative Agency.

* Provision of tuition fees (grant-based scholarships) will continue to be based on the Act on the Japan Student Services Organization, Incorporated Administrative Agency, as in the past.

Effective Date

April 1, 2025

[Re: Article 1 of the Supplementary Provisions]

大学等における修学の支援に関する法律の一部を改正する法律の概要

趣旨

高等教育費により理想の子供数を持てない状況を払拭するため、令和7年度から、多子世帯の学生等について授業料等を無償化することとした「こども未来戦略」（令和5年12月22日閣議決定）に基づき、大学等における修学の支援に関する法律を改正し、多数の子等の教育費を負担している世帯における負担の軽減を図るため、当該世帯の学生等に係る大学等の授業料等の減免制度を創設する等の措置を講ずる。

概要

1. 法律の目的の見直し【第1条関係】

法律の目的を、多数の子等の教育費を負担している家庭及び経済的理由により子等の教育費の負担を求めることが極めて困難な状況にある家庭における教育費の負担の一部を社会全体で負担することによりこれらの家庭における負担の軽減を図るため、これらの家庭の学生等に係る大学等の授業料等の減免を行い、もって子育てに希望を持つことができる社会の実現に寄与することとする。

2. 授業料等減免の対象者の追加【第4条関係】

授業料等減免の対象者として、

- ① 低所得者世帯の学生等（学生等及びその生計維持者に授業料等の負担を求めることが極めて困難な状況にある学生等）に加え、
- ② 多子世帯の学生等（3人以上の子等の生計維持者に生計を維持されている子等である学生等）を対象とする。

※多子世帯の学生等については、所得制限なし。

3. 認定手続等に関する規定の整備【第5条・第6条関係】

学生等が授業料等減免を受けるために必要な認定の手続や、認定事由が変わった場合の変更認定の手続規定を整備する。

4. 授業料等減免についての配慮事項の新設【第15条関係】

国は、低所得者世帯の学生等に係る授業料等減免については、独立行政法人日本学生支援機構法に規定する学資の支給と相まって大学等の修学に係る諸費用に対する総合的な支援となるよう配慮するものとする。

※学資支給（給付型奨学金）は、これまでと同様に独立行政法人日本学生支援機構法に基づき実施。

施行期日

令和7年4月1日【附則第1条関係】