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Introduced by Sens. DeFRANCISCO, LARKIN, RANZENHOFER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing for an internet-based college within the state university of New York system; and to authorize the trustees of the state university of New York to establish a four-year SUNY internet-based college

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 352 of the education law, as amended by chapter 552 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

3. The state university shall consist of the four university centers at Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo and Stony Brook, the designated colleges of arts and sciences at Brockport, Buffalo, Cortland, Fredonia, Geneseo, New Paltz, Old Westbury, Oneonta, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Potsdam and Purchase, empire state college, the agricultural and technical colleges at Alfred, Canton, Cobleskill, Delhi, Farmingdale and Morrisville, downstate medical center, upstate medical center, the college of optometry, the college of environmental science and forestry, maritime college, the college of technology at Utica/Rome, the statutory or contract colleges at Cornell university and Alfred university, THE INTERNET-BASED COLLEGE, and such additional universities, colleges and other institutions, facilities and research centers as have been or hereafter may be acquired, established, operated or contracted to be operated for the state by the state university trustees.

S 2. (a) The trustees of the state university of New York are hereby authorized and directed to immediately take all actions to create and establish within the state university system, and subject to the jurisdiction of such board of trustees, an internet-based college as a four-year state university of New York available solely online.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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(b) The board of trustees of the state university of New York shall select the location of the administration for such college within the state of New York and provide for such college to be an accessible, affordable, competitive, four-year, bachelor's level, degree-granting college of the state university.

(c) The purpose of this internet-based college shall be to offer degree programs in an exclusively online format at an affordable price.

(d) The board of trustees of the state university of New York shall conduct all the duties required under article 8 of the education law upon the establishment of the state university of New York internet-based college, establish a master plan, establish standards and promulgate any necessary rules and regulations for the establishment of such college.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.