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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting "Tuition-Free NY"

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Tuition-Free
2 NY".

3 S 2. Paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law
4 is amended by adding a new subparagraph 1-a to read as follows:

5 (1-A) THE TRUSTEES SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PERMIT ANY STUDENT WHO
6 HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO A STATE-OPERATED INSTITUTION OF THE STATE UNIVERSI-
7 TY TO ATTEND WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES IF SUCH STUDENT
8 FULFILLS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
9 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL ONLY APPLY
10 TO COSTS OF ONE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AND ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED
11 WITH MORE THAN ONE SIMULTANEOUS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE SHALL NOT BE
12 COVERED BY THIS PROGRAM.

13 (I) THE TRUSTEES SHALL PROVIDE AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND ADMINISTER
14 THE PROGRAM ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

15 (A) ANY STUDENT ELIGIBLE FOR RESIDENT TUITION RATES IS ELIGIBLE FOR
16 THIS PROGRAM.

17 (B) THE STUDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE
18 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR EACH YEAR OF PARTICIPATION IN THE
19 PROGRAM. THE PRESIDENT OF EACH INSTITUTION OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE OR

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

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DESIGNEES SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WAIVERS WHICH PERMIT STUDENTS TO MEET THIS SERVICE REQUIREMENT BY PERFORMING SERVICES FOR NON-QUALIFYING ORGANIZATIONS OR, GENERALLY, THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY; PROVIDED THAT THE HOUR REQUIREMENT IS MET AND SUCH PRESIDENT OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE OR DESIGNEES IS SATISFIED THAT THE WORK PERFORMED BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY.

(C) A STUDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A CONTRACT AGREEING TO RESIDE IN NEW YORK STATE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS SUBSEQUENT TO COMPLETION OF HIS OR HER ACADEMIC PROGRAM.

(D) A STUDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO BE EMPLOYED FULL-TIME IN NEW YORK STATE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS SUBSEQUENT TO COMPLETION OF HIS OR HER ACADEMIC PROGRAM. ANY PART-TIME OR COMBINATION OF PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE THE EQUIVALENT OF FIVE FULL-TIME YEARS. ANY PERIOD OF TIME A STUDENT SPENDS UNEMPLOYED, PURSUING A GRADUATE DEGREE OR ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY SHALL NOT PENALIZE A STUDENT FROM RECEIVING THE BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAM, BUT SHALL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACCRUAL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBCLAUSE.

(E) STUDENTS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEIR DEGREE PROGRAM WITHIN A MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME TO BE SET BY THE TRUSTEES WHICH SHALL BE NO LESS THAN THREE YEARS AND NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS.

(F) A STUDENT WHO BENEFITED FROM THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND AN OUT-OF-STATE GRADUATE SCHOOL WITHOUT ANY PENALTY IF SUCH STUDENT PURSUES A GRADUATE DEGREE. ONCE SUCH STUDENT CONCLUDES HIS OR HER GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDIES, SUCH STUDENT SHALL RETURN TO NEW YORK WITHIN ONE YEAR FOR RESIDENCY AND EMPLOYMENT, PER THE PROGRAM'S REQUIREMENTS, OR ELSE THE UNDERGRADUATE BENEFIT WILL TURN INTO A STUDENT LOAN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CLAUSE (II) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

(G) A STUDENT WHO BENEFITED FROM THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL NOT BE PENALIZED IF SUCH STUDENT MAINTAINS HIS OR HER LEGAL RESIDENCE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, DURING SUCH SERVICE. "LEGAL RESIDENCE" AS USED IN THIS SUBCLAUSE SHALL MEAN THE PLACE WHERE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY INTENDS TO RETURN AND LIVE AFTER DISCHARGE OR RETIREMENT, AND WHICH THEY CONSIDER THEIR PERMANENT HOME. LEGAL RESIDENCY SHALL BE DETERMINED BY WHAT LOCAL AND STATE TAX LAWS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY IS SUBJECT TO, AND IN WHICH STATE THEY MAY VOTE.

(II) IF A STUDENT OR FORMER STUDENT FAILS TO FULFILL ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN CLAUSE (I) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE TRUSTEES SHALL CONVERT TO A STUDENT LOAN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE TUITION WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID BY SUCH STUDENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE NEW YORK STATE HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES CORPORATION, PLUS INTEREST, ACCORDING TO A SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED BY SUCH CORPORATION. SUCH REPAYMENT MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED IF A RECIPIENT FAILS TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DETERMINE CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY OR FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.

(III) ANY STUDENT WHO ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING. FUNDS AWARDED ON THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE COST OF TUITION PRIOR TO AN AWARD UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

(IV) STUDENTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OTHER COSTS INCLUDING HOUSING, FEES AND OTHER NON-TUITION RELATED CHARGES.

(V) (A) THIS PROGRAM SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY ACADEMIC YEARS PRIOR TO APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN. (B) FOR THE PERIOD APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN THROUGH MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN, THIS PROGRAM SHALL ONLY APPLY TO STUDENTS ATTENDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES AS

DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED ONE OF THIS CHAPTER. (C) COMMENCING APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN, THIS PROGRAM SHALL APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING SUNY, CUNY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF THE STATE.

S 3. Subdivision 7 of section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

(D) THE TRUSTEES SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PERMIT ANY STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO AN INSTITUTION OPERATED BY THE CITY UNIVERSITY TO ATTEND WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES IF SUCH STUDENT FULFILLS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(I) THE TRUSTEES SHALL PROVIDE AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

(A) ANY STUDENT ELIGIBLE FOR RESIDENT TUITION RATES IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM.

(B) THE STUDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR EACH YEAR OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. THE PRESIDENT OF EACH INSTITUTION OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE OR DESIGNEES SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WAIVERS WHICH PERMIT STUDENTS TO MEET THIS SERVICE REQUIREMENT BY PERFORMING SERVICES FOR NON-QUALIFYING ORGANIZATIONS OR, GENERALLY, THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY; PROVIDED THAT THE HOUR REQUIREMENT IS MET AND SUCH PRESIDENT OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE OR DESIGNEES IS SATISFIED THAT THE WORK PERFORMED BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY.

(C) A STUDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A CONTRACT AGREEING TO RESIDE IN NEW YORK STATE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS SUBSEQUENT TO COMPLETION OF HIS OR HER ACADEMIC PROGRAM.

(D) A STUDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO BE EMPLOYED FULL-TIME IN NEW YORK STATE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS SUBSEQUENT TO COMPLETION OF HIS OR HER ACADEMIC PROGRAM. ANY PART-TIME OR COMBINATION OF PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE THE EQUIVALENT OF FIVE FULL-TIME YEARS. ANY PERIOD OF TIME A STUDENT SPENDS UNEMPLOYED, PURSUING A GRADUATE DEGREE OR ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY SHALL NOT PENALIZE A STUDENT FROM RECEIVING THE BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAM, BUT SHALL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACCRUAL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CLAUSE.

(E) STUDENTS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEIR DEGREE PROGRAM WITHIN A MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME TO BE SET BY THE TRUSTEES WHICH SHALL BE NO LESS THAN THREE YEARS AND NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS.

(F) A STUDENT WHO BENEFITED FROM THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND AN OUT-OF-STATE GRADUATE SCHOOL WITHOUT ANY PENALTY IF SUCH STUDENT PURSUES A GRADUATE DEGREE. ONCE SUCH STUDENT CONCLUDES HIS OR HER GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDIES, SUCH STUDENT SHALL RETURN TO NEW YORK WITHIN ONE YEAR FOR RESIDENCY AND EMPLOYMENT, PER THE PROGRAM'S REQUIREMENTS, OR ELSE THE UNDERGRADUATE BENEFIT WILL TURN INTO A STUDENT LOAN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(G) A STUDENT WHO BENEFITED FROM THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN THIS PARAGRAPH WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL NOT BE PENALIZED IF SUCH STUDENT MAINTAINS HIS OR HER LEGAL RESIDENCE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, DURING SUCH SERVICE. "LEGAL RESIDENCE" AS USED IN THIS CLAUSE SHALL MEAN THE PLACE WHERE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY INTENDS TO RETURN AND LIVE AFTER DISCHARGE OR RETIREMENT, AND WHICH THEY CONSIDER THEIR PERMANENT HOME. LEGAL RESIDENCY SHALL BE DETERMINED BY WHAT LOCAL AND STATE TAX LAWS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY IS SUBJECT TO, AND IN WHICH STATE THEY MAY VOTE.

(II) IF A STUDENT OR FORMER STUDENT FAILS TO FULFILL ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TRUS-

TEES SHALL CONVERT TO A STUDENT LOAN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE TUITION WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID BY SUCH STUDENT, AS DETERMINED BY THE NEW YORK STATE HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES CORPORATION, PLUS INTEREST, ACCORDING TO A SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED BY SUCH CORPORATION. SUCH REPAYMENT MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED IF A RECIPIENT FAILS TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DETERMINE CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY OR FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.

(III) ANY STUDENT WHO ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING. FUNDS AWARDED ON THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE COST OF TUITION PRIOR TO AN AWARD UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

(IV) STUDENTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OTHER COSTS INCLUDING HOUSING, FEES AND OTHER NON-TUITION RELATED CHARGES.

(V) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO TAXATION.

(VI) (A) THIS PROGRAM SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY ACADEMIC YEARS PRIOR TO APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN. (B) FOR THE PERIOD APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN THROUGH MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN, THIS PROGRAM SHALL ONLY APPLY TO STUDENTS ATTENDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES AS DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED ONE OF THIS CHAPTER. (C) COMMENCING APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN, THIS PROGRAM SHALL APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING SUNY, CUNY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF THE STATE.

S 4. Subdivision 1 of section 6304 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph e to read as follows:

E. THE TRUSTEES, SPONSORS OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PERMIT ANY STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO SUCH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ATTEND WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES IF SUCH STUDENT FULFILLS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(I) THE TRUSTEES SHALL PROVIDE AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

(A) ANY STUDENT ELIGIBLE FOR RESIDENT TUITION RATES IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM.

(B) THE STUDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR EACH YEAR OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. THE PRESIDENT OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE OR DESIGNEES SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WAIVERS WHICH PERMIT STUDENTS TO MEET THIS SERVICE REQUIREMENT BY PERFORMING SERVICES FOR NON-QUALIFYING ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDED THAT THE HOUR REQUIREMENT IS MET AND SUCH PRESIDENT, CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE OR DESIGNEES IS SATISFIED THAT THE WORK PERFORMED BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY.

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1 RECEIVING THE BENEFITS OF THIS PROGRAM, BUT SHALL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE
2 ACCRUAL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CLAUSE.

3 (F) STUDENTS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEIR DEGREE PROGRAM WITHIN
4 A MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME TO BE SET BY THE TRUSTEES WHICH SHALL BE NO
5 LESS THAN ONE YEAR AND NO MORE THAN THREE YEARS.

6 (G) A STUDENT WHO BENEFITED FROM THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN THIS SUBPARA-
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12 A STUDENT LOAN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
13 PARAGRAPH.

14 (H) A STUDENT WHO BENEFITED FROM THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN THIS PARA-
15 GRAPH WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES
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18 AS USED IN THIS CLAUSE SHALL MEAN THE PLACE WHERE A MEMBER OF THE MILI-
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25 TEES SHALL CONVERT TO A STUDENT LOAN THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE TUITION
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27 YORK STATE HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES CORPORATION, PLUS INTEREST, ACCORD-
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43 DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED ONE OF
44 THIS CHAPTER. (C) COMMENCING APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN, THIS
45 PROGRAM SHALL APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING SUNY, CUNY AND COMMUNITY
46 COLLEGES OF THE STATE.

47 S 5. Subdivision 1 of section 6304 of the education law is amended by
48 adding a new paragraph a-1 to read as follows:

49 A-1. STATE FINANCIAL AID SHALL BE INCREASED ABOVE THE ONE-THIRD AMOUNT
50 OF OPERATING COSTS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION BY AN
51 AMOUNT WHICH IS EQUAL TO THE COST OF TUITION AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO
52 APPLY AND QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH E OF THIS
53 SUBDIVISION.

54 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately. The commissioner of
55 education is authorized to promulgate any rule or regulation necessary
56 for the timely implementation of this act.