

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PICHARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to creating a stipend program for students, unpaid caregivers, and eligible persons earning less than \$200,000 per year

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
2 98 to read as follows:

3 § 98. Stipend program. 1. For purposes of this section:

4 (a) "unpaid caregiver" shall mean the family member or other natural
5 person who normally provides the daily care or supervision of a frail or
6 disabled person, or any family member or other natural person who
7 contributes to and is involved in the caretaking responsibilities for
8 such frail or disabled person. Such informal caregiver may, but need
9 not, reside in the same household as the frail or disabled person;

10 (b) "student" shall mean a person enrolled in the "state university,"
11 a "community college," or a "statutory or contract college" as defined
12 in section three hundred fifty of the education law, or enrolled in a
13 private university within the state; and

14 (c) "eligible person" shall mean:

15 (i) a student, an unpaid caregiver, or a person earning less than two
16 hundred thousand dollars per year;

17 (ii) a citizen of the United States;

18 (iii) an individual not employed by the state, a municipality within
19 the state, or employed as a "state officer" or "local officer" as speci-
20 fied in section two of the public officers law; and

21 (iv) a person who has resided in the state for at least five years
22 prior to, and maintains a primary residence in the state at the time of,
23 applying for the stipend program.

24 2. The department shall develop and implement a stipend program in
25 conjunction with the state comptroller to provide certain eligible
26 persons within the state a stipend of five hundred dollars each month.
27 Each household shall not receive more than one stipend under such

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

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1 program. Funding for such program shall be paid from the state treasury
2 upon the audit and warrant of the comptroller out of funds made avail-
3 able therefor. The department shall create an application process for
4 such program, which shall include a method for verifying eligibility and
5 a process for annual recertification under this section.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
7 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
8 repeal of any rule of regulation necessary for the implementation of
9 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
10 on or before such effective date.