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Introduced by M. of A. CAHILL -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, GALEF, GOTTFRIED, GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the New York International Scholarship program; and making an appropriation therefor

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 667-e
2 to read as follows:

3 § 667-e. New York International Scholarship. 1. Statement and purpose.
4 It is the purpose of this section to establish an undergraduate scholar-
5 ship program to enable an individual of limited financial means from New
6 York state to spend time studying abroad in a non-English speaking coun-
7 try for up to a full academic year.

8 2. Establishment and duration. The president is authorized to estab-
9 lish the New York International Scholarship program. The president is
10 authorized to provide scholarships to supplement funds received by an
11 eligible individual under the Benjamin A. Gilman International scholar-
12 ships provided for under the International Academic Opportunity Act of
13 2000, title III of public law one hundred six-three hundred nine (PL
14 106-309). No recipient shall be eligible to receive an award pursuant to
15 this section for more than one academic year. Scholarships under this
16 section shall be known as the "New York International Scholarship."

17 3. Amount. The president upon application therefor shall award a scho-
18 larship up to one thousand dollars for any individual recipient of the
19 Benjamin A. Gilman International scholarships for the purpose of defray-
20 ing international travel costs and extending the time spent studying
21 abroad up to a full academic year; provided, however that the amount not
22 exceed one thousand dollars. A recipient of this scholarship may concur-
23 rently receive with such award any other academic or general award for

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

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1 which he or she may be eligible provided however in no event shall the
2 combination of all such awards exceed the individual recipient's cost of
3 attendance at the abroad institution.

4 4. Eligibility. For the purposes of this section an "individual" shall
5 mean a person:

6 a. in good standing at an institution of higher education recognized
7 and approved by the regents or the university of the state of New York
8 which provides a course of study leading to the granting of a post-sec-
9 ondary degree or diploma; and

10 b. accepted for up to one academic year of study on a program of study
11 abroad approved for credit by the student's home institution; and

12 c. receiving any need-based student assistance or financial aid under
13 article thirteen of this chapter; and

14 d. receiving moneys from the federally funded Benjamin A. Gilman
15 International scholarship; and

16 e. who is a citizen or national of the United States.

17 5. Application and selection. Scholarship application and selection
18 shall be carried out through the institutions. In considering applica-
19 tions for the scholarship under this section the institution shall
20 consider the financial need of the individual, including the increased
21 costs of study abroad.

22 § 2. The sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or so much thereof
23 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the New York state higher
24 education services corporation out of any moneys in the state treasury
25 to the credit of the state purposes account not otherwise appropriated
26 for services and expenses of the corporation, to provide state matching
27 funds for the purposes of exclusively carrying out the provisions of
28 this act.

29 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
30 have become a law.