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Introduced by M. of A. CURRAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to an after-school challenge program

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 319 to
2 read as follows:

3 § 319. After-school challenge program. 1. There is hereby established
4 under the jurisdiction of the commissioner an after-school challenge
5 program to provide schools with matching funds for resources raised in
6 private donations to support after-school programs. Each district shall
7 be eligible to receive a maximum of fifty thousand dollars annually in
8 matching funds from the state beginning with the two thousand twenty-
9 three--two thousand twenty-four school year. Programs under this section
10 shall provide affordable, low-cost after-school care for students in
11 grades one through eight that run after school until at least six
12 o'clock p.m. Priority in awarding grants shall be given to curriculum
13 based education programs or community service programs. The commissioner
14 shall establish additional criteria for the awarding of challenge grants
15 provided for in this section.

16 2. The matching contributions raised by a school district must be from
17 sources other than state appropriations or federal funds. Matching
18 contributions shall come from contributions, pledged for the purposes
19 specified in this section or unpledged, and accrued investment earnings
20 thereon, made after January first, two thousand twenty-four. Donations
21 may be financial or in-kind contributions received from individuals and
22 businesses throughout the community. Once the necessary level of match-
23 ing contributions has been raised, the district shall provide verifica-
24 tion to the commissioner that the required level of contributions has

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

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1 been received and is being held to be used solely for the purpose of
2 supporting after-school programs.
3 3. The commissioner shall report on the success of the program on or
4 before July first, two thousand twenty-six.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024. Effective immediately,
6 the addition, amendment, and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-
7 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
8 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.