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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the admissions program for the state university of New York maritime college

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 352-a of the education law,
2 subdivision 2 as amended by section 1 of part II of chapter 56 of the
3 laws of 2023 and subdivision 3 as added by section 1 of part F of chap-
4 ter 83 of the laws of 2002, are amended to read as follows:

5 2. (a) Maritime college shall have a total of [~~two hundred eighty-~~
6 ~~four~~] four hundred thirty-seven vacancy positions set aside for appli-
7 cants who are nominated by the governor, a state senator or a member of
8 the assembly. Such vacancy nominations shall increase or decrease based
9 upon the number of senate districts authorized pursuant to article three
10 of the New York state constitution. An applicant who receives such a
11 nomination, is accepted for admission into the college and participates
12 in the regimental program shall receive a scholarship equal to the
13 amount of the state tuition charge after the deduction of any available
14 grant aid for the four consecutive years following [~~his or her~~] their
15 admission into the program provided, however, that the student remains
16 in the regimental/cadet degree program and remains at all times in good
17 academic standing as determined by the maritime college administration.
18 In no event shall a student lose [~~his or her~~] their scholarship based
19 upon legislative reapportionment or changes in legislative composition
20 or membership. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit or reduce the
21 number of vacancies available to the general population.

22 (b) To be eligible to receive such nomination and scholarship, the
23 applicant must be a resident of the state. For purposes of this section,
24 a state resident shall be defined as a person who has resided in the
25 state of New York for a period of at least one year prior to the time of

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

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1 nomination, is a graduate or within one year of graduation from an
2 approved high school or has attained a New York state high school equiv-
3 alency diploma or its equivalent as determined by the commissioner.

4 3. The vacancy nominations shall be distributed as follows: five for
5 the governor, five for the majority leader of the senate, five for the
6 speaker of the assembly, two for each state senator other than the
7 majority leader of the senate and [~~one~~] ~~two~~ for each member of the
8 assembly other than the speaker of the assembly. The governor and each
9 member of the legislature shall provide one principal and three alterna-
10 tive nominations for consideration for admission. Final admission deci-
11 sions shall remain with the college and within administrative procedures
12 and criteria.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.