

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to defining academic excellence relating to the New York state masters-in-education teacher incentive scholarship program

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 669-f of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 516 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 1. Eligibility. Students who are matriculated in an approved master's
5 degree in education program at a New York state college, as defined in
6 subdivision two of section six hundred one of this title, leading to a
7 career as a teacher in public elementary or secondary education shall be
8 eligible for an award under this section, provided the applicant: (a)
9 earned an undergraduate degree from a college located in New York state;
10 (b) was a New York state resident while earning such undergraduate
11 degree; (c) achieved [~~academic excellence~~] a cumulative grade point
12 average of three and a half or higher on a four point scale as an under-
13 graduate student[~~, as defined by the corporation in regulation~~] or in
14 their first semester in an approved master's degree in education program
15 at a New York state public institution of higher education; (d) enrolls
16 or is enrolled in full-time study in an approved master's degree in
17 education program at a New York state college, as defined in subdivision
18 two of section six hundred one of this title, leading to a career as a
19 teacher in public elementary or secondary education; (e) signs a
20 contract with the corporation agreeing to teach in a classroom setting
21 on a full-time basis for five years in a school located within New York
22 state providing public elementary or secondary education recognized by
23 the board of regents or the university of the state of New York, includ-
24 ing charter schools authorized pursuant to article fifty-six of this

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

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1 chapter; and (f) complies with the applicable provisions of this article
2 and all requirements promulgated by the corporation for the adminis-
3 tration of the program.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
5 the date upon which it shall have become a law. 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 date.