STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. SEPULVEDA, GOUNARDES, PERSAUD, SERRANO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the funding of certain CUNY programs by the state

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6217 to read as follows:

§ 6217. ASAP and ACE program funding. 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, beginning in the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven fiscal year, the state shall appropriate and pay an amount equal to twenty-five per centum of the annual one hundred forty-one million dollars in funding for the city university of New York's accelerated study in associate programs (ASAP) and accelerate, complete, engage (ACE) program for the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven academic year. Each fiscal year thereafter, the state shall increase such funding amount by twenty-five per centum until one hundred per centum of both programs is funded by the state. The maximum amount of total funding by two thousand thirty shall not exceed one hundred fifty million dollars.

2. For the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven academic year such funding for the city university of New York's accelerate, complete, engage (ACE) program required by subdivision one of this section shall fully fund such program at Lehman College, Medgar Evers College, Queens College, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

3. For the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven academic year such funding for the city of New York's accelerated study in associate programs (ASAP) required by subdivision one of this section shall fully fund such program at Queensborough Community College, Bronx Commu-

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

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nity College, Kingsborough Community College, and Borough of Manhattan Community College.

4. The remainder of such funding for the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven academic year for the university of New York's accelerate, complete, engage (ACE) program and accelerated study in associate programs (ASAP) shall be designated as deemed appropriate to participating city university of New York campuses as directed by the board of trustees of the city university of New York.

5. For the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight academic year such funding shall be utilized for the implementation of the university of New York's accelerate, complete, engage (ACE) program and accelerated study in associate programs (ASAP) in all remaining city university of New York campuses as such funding permits.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.