

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 18, 2025

Introduced by Sens. JACKSON, PARKER -- 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 prohibiting legacy
preference as eligible criteria for admission standards

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 239-c
2 to read as follows:

3 § 239-c. Legacy preference for admission. No degree-granting institu-
4 tion of higher education shall give preference to an applicant for
5 admission to such institution on the basis of such applicant's familial
6 relationship to a person who has graduated from such institution. An
7 institution may inquire about an applicant's familial relationship to a
8 person who has graduated from such institution after an offer of admis-
9 sion has been accepted by an applicant for the purposes of data
10 collection.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
12 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the
13 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
14 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
15 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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