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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing grant programs for on-line and distant learning classes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 20 to read as follows:
3 20. THE STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM AT
4 EACH OF THE SIXTY-FOUR CAMPUSES FOR ON-LINE AND DISTANT LEARNING CLASS-
5 ES. SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE USED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS OR
6 TO EXPAND CURRENT ON-LINE AND DISTANT LEARNING CLASSES. THE USES SHALL
7 INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, COURSE CONVERSATION, HARDWARE AND SOFT-
8 WARE AND NETWORKING WITH CAMPUSES THAT HAVE SIMILAR PROGRAMS. SUCH
9 GRANTS MAY NOT EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH CAMPUS.
10 S 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new
11 subdivision 17 to read as follows:
12 17. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM AT EACH OF
13 THE NINETEEN CAMPUSES, INCLUDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES, FOR ON-LINE AND
14 DISTANT LEARNING CLASSES. SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE USED TO DEVELOP AND
15 IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS OR TO EXPAND CURRENT ON-LINE AND DISTANT LEARNING
16 CLASSES. THE USES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, COURSE CONVERSA-
17 TION, HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AND NETWORKING WITH CAMPUSES THAT HAVE SIMI-
18 LAR PROGRAMS. SUCH GRANTS MAY NOT EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH
19 CAMPUS.
20 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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