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Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. AMEDORE, BACALLES, BARCLAY, CROUCH,
ERRIGO, McDONOUGH, RAIA, SCOZZAFAVA, TOBACCO, TOWNSEND -- read once
and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the New
York state nuclear engineering degree incentive program; and making an
appropriation therefor

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 669-e
2 to read as follows:
3 S 669-E. NEW YORK STATE NUCLEAR ENGINEERING DEGREE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.
4 1. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF
5 THIS PART, UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE MATRICULATED IN AN APPROVED
6 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM AT DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTIONS LEADING TO A
7 CAREER AS A NUCLEAR ENGINEER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD UNDER THIS
8 SECTION, PROVIDED THE APPLICANT COMPLIES WITH THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS
9 OF THIS ARTICLE AND ALL REQUIREMENTS PROMULGATED BY THE CORPORATION FOR
10 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.
11 2. WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED THEREFOR, AWARDS SHALL BE GRANTED ON A
12 COMPETITIVE BASIS TO APPLICANTS THAT THE CORPORATION HAS CERTIFIED ARE
13 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SUCH AWARDS. UP TO TWENTY AWARDS MAY BE MADE TO NEW
14 RECIPIENTS ANNUALLY. SUCH AWARDS SHALL BE MADE TO RECIPIENTS AFTER THE
15 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF EACH ACADEMIC YEAR, AS DEFINED BY THE CORPO-
16 RATION.
17 3. AN AWARD SHALL ENTITLE THE RECIPIENT TO ANNUAL PAYMENTS FOR NOT
18 MORE THAN FOUR ACADEMIC YEARS OF FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDY LEADING
19 TO CERTIFICATION AS A NUCLEAR ENGINEER.
20 4. RECIPIENTS SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL PAYMENT FOR THE SUCCESSFUL
21 COMPLETION OF AN ACADEMIC YEAR, EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL TUITION CHARGED TO
22 STATE RESIDENT STUDENTS ATTENDING AN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM FULL-TIME AT

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

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1 THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, OR ACTUAL TUITION CHARGED, WHICHEVER
2 IS LESS.

3 5. THE CORPORATION SHALL CONVERT TO A STUDENT LOAN THE FULL AMOUNT OF
4 THE AWARD GIVEN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, PLUS INTEREST, ACCORDING TO A
5 SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CORPORATION IF: (A) IT IS FOUND THAT A
6 STUDENT, HAVING RECEIVED THE ANNUAL AWARD TRANSFERS TO AN OUT-OF-STATE
7 INSTITUTION IN THAT ACADEMIC YEAR OR (B) A RECIPIENT FAILS TO COMPLETE
8 THEIR DEGREE PROGRAM OR CHANGES MAJORS TO AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE
9 PROGRAM OTHER THAN NUCLEAR ENGINEERING; OR (C) A RECIPIENT FAILS TO
10 RESPOND TO REQUESTS BY THE CORPORATION FOR THE STATUS OF HIS OR HER
11 ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL PROGRESS.

12 6. THE CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS
13 NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION,
14 INCLUDING THE CRITERIA FOR THE PROVISION OF AWARDS ON A COMPETITIVE
15 BASIS AND THE RATE OF INTEREST CHARGED FOR REPAYMENT OF THE STUDENT
16 LOAN.

17 S 2. Section 605 of the education law is amended by adding a new
18 subdivision 11-a to read as follows:

19 11-A. NEW YORK STATE NUCLEAR ENGINEERING DEGREE INCENTIVE PROGRAM
20 AWARDS PURSUANT TO SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE-E OF THIS TITLE.

21 S 3. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or so much
22 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the department of
23 education out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to
24 the credit of the higher education services corporation, not otherwise
25 appropriated, and made immediately available for the purpose of carrying
26 out the provisions of section 669-e of the education law, as added by
27 section one of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and
28 warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the
29 commissioner of education in the manner prescribed by law.

30 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
31 the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that
32 effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule
33 or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effec-
34 tive date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or
35 before such effective date.