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Introduced by Sen. HASSELL-THOMPSON -- 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 authorizing enrollment grants to increase the participation and retention in medical education programs of New York state residents from groups historically underrepresented and making an appropriation therefor

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

1     Section 1. Legislative findings and purpose. The legislature hereby  
2 finds and declares that individuals from certain minority groups, primarily Blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans, have been historically  
3 underrepresented in medical education programs and, as a consequence, in  
4 the medical profession. A vast human resource remains largely untapped  
5 at a time when medical services in urban areas are inadequate and the  
6 urban poor continue to be underserved.

7     The medical schools of the state have not been successful in attracting the available qualified minority candidates, and in some instances  
8 have fallen below national averages and comparable states in enrollment  
9 of minorities. Medical schools have repeatedly cited the lack of  
10 adequate resources as being a major obstacle in their attempts to  
11 attract and retain larger numbers of qualified minority students.

12     The legislature therefore declares that a modified program of capital  
13 tion assistance is needed for the purpose of expanding opportunities to  
14 underrepresented minority students to participate in medical education  
15 programs leading to licensure and a career in the medical profession.

16     S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6402-a to  
17 read as follows:

18     S 6402-A. MINORITY ENROLLMENT GRANTS TO MEDICAL SCHOOLS. 1. THE  
19 COMMISSIONER SHALL ANNUALLY APPORTION TO EACH NON-PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF  
20 HIGHER EDUCATION OFFERING AN APPROVED PROGRAM IN MEDICINE AN ADDITIONAL  
21 ENROLLMENT GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 FOR MINORITY STUDENTS, WHICH FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION SHALL MEAN  
2 STATE RESIDENTS WHO ARE BLACK, HISPANIC OR NATIVE AMERICAN, IN A SUM TO  
3 BE DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:

4 (A) ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS SHALL BE APPORTIONED FOR EACH FULL-TIME  
5 MINORITY STUDENT ENROLLED, PROVIDED THAT NOT LESS THAN EIGHT PERCENT OF  
6 THE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION ARE MINORITY STUDENTS. AN ADDI-  
7 TIONAL ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS SHALL BE APPORTIONED FOR EACH FOURTH-YEAR  
8 MINORITY STUDENT.

9 (B) TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS SHALL BE APPORTIONED FOR EACH FULL-TIME  
10 MINORITY STUDENT ENROLLED, PROVIDED THAT NOT LESS THAN TWELVE PERCENT OF  
11 THE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION ARE MINORITY STUDENTS. AN ADDI-  
12 TIONAL TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS SHALL BE APPORTIONED FOR EACH FOURTH-YEAR  
13 MINORITY STUDENT.

14 (C) FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS SHALL BE APPORTIONED FOR EACH FULL-TIME  
15 STUDENT ENROLLED, PROVIDED THAT NOT LESS THAN SIXTEEN PERCENT OF THE  
16 STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION ARE MINORITY STUDENTS. AN ADDI-  
17 TIONAL FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS SHALL BE APPORTIONED FOR EACH FOURTH-YEAR  
18 MINORITY STUDENT.

19 2. INSTITUTIONS WHICH RECEIVE GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL  
20 SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER SUCH REPORTS OR DOCUMENTS IN SUCH FORM AND AT  
21 SUCH TIME AS HE OR SHE MAY REQUIRE BY REGULATION IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT  
22 THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. THE COMMISSIONER PERIODICALLY SHALL REVIEW  
23 THE INSTITUTIONS WHICH RECEIVE STATE FUNDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO  
24 EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INSTITUTIONS' MINORITY RECRUITMENT AND  
25 RETENTION PROGRAMS.

26 3. THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ACCOMPLISH  
27 THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

28 4. FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID  
29 IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PAYMENT SCHEDULE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMIS-  
30 SIONER AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET.

31 S 3. The sum of two hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$258,000),  
32 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the  
33 education department out of any moneys in the state treasury in the  
34 general fund to the credit of the local assistance account, not other-  
35 wise appropriated, for the payment of capitation grants to increase the  
36 participation and retention of minority students in medical education  
37 programs. Such sum shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the  
38 state comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner  
39 of education, in the manner prescribed by law.

40 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of October next succeed-  
41 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.