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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:

Section 1. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. THE STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM AT EACH OF THE SIXTY-FOUR CAMPUSES FOR ON-LINE AND DISTANT LEARNING CLASSES. SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE USED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS OR TO EXPAND CURRENT ON-LINE AND DISTANT LEARNING CLASSES. THE USES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, COURSE CONVERSATION, HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AND NETWORKING WITH CAMPUSES THAT HAVE SIMILAR PROGRAMS. SUCH GRANTS MAY NOT EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH CAMPUS.

S 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 17 to read as follows:

17. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM AT EACH OF THE NINETEEN CAMPUSES, INCLUDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES, FOR ON-LINE AND DISTANT LEARNING CLASSES. SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE USED TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS OR TO EXPAND CURRENT ON-LINE AND DISTANT LEARNING CLASSES. THE USES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, COURSE CONVERSATION, HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AND NETWORKING WITH CAMPUSES THAT HAVE SIMILAR PROGRAMS. SUCH GRANTS MAY NOT EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH CAMPUS.

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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