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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to an after-school challenge program

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 319 to
2 read as follows:

3 S 319. AFTER-SCHOOL CHALLENGE PROGRAM. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED
4 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSIONER AN AFTER-SCHOOL CHALLENGE
5 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS WITH MATCHING FUNDS FOR RESOURCES RAISED IN
6 PRIVATE DONATIONS TO SUPPORT AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS. EACH DISTRICT SHALL
7 BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN
8 MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE STATE BEGINNING WITH THE TWO THOUSAND THREE--TWO
9 THOUSAND FOUR SCHOOL YEAR. PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE
10 AFFORDABLE, LOW-COST AFTER-SCHOOL CARE FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES ONE
11 THROUGH EIGHT THAT RUN AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL AT LEAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.
12 PRIORITY IN AWARDING GRANTS SHALL BE GIVEN TO CURRICULUM BASED EDUCATION
13 PROGRAMS OR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH
14 ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR THE AWARDING OF CHALLENGE GRANTS PROVIDED FOR IN
15 THIS SECTION.

16 2. THE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS RAISED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE FROM
17 SOURCES OTHER THAN STATE APPROPRIATIONS OR FEDERAL FUNDS. MATCHING
18 CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL COME FROM CONTRIBUTIONS, PLEDGED FOR THE PURPOSES
19 SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION OR UNPLEDGED, AND ACCRUED INVESTMENT EARNINGS
20 THEREON, MADE AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN. DONATIONS MAY BE
21 FINANCIAL OR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS AND BUSI-
22 NESSES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. ONCE THE NECESSARY LEVEL OF MATCHING
23 CONTRIBUTIONS HAS BEEN RAISED, THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE VERIFICATION
24 TO THE COMMISSIONER THAT THE REQUIRED LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTIONS HAS BEEN

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

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1 RECEIVED AND IS BEING HELD TO BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORT-
2 ING AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

3 3. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT ON THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM ON OR
4 BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

5 S 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010. The commissioner of
6 education is authorized and directed to promulgate any rules or regu-
7 lations necessary for the implementation of this act on or before such
8 effective date.