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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating the jobs for the twenty-first century tuition assistance grant program

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Jobs for the Twenty-First Century Tuition Assistance Grant Program".

S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 667-d to read as follows:

S 667-D. TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. 1. IN CALCULATING THE MAXIMUM AWARD OF AID UNDER THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, STUDENTS WHO AGREE TO PURSUE A DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS, THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES, OR ENGINEERING SHALL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL GRANT EQUAL TO TWENTY PERCENT OF THEIR TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARD. SUCH AWARDS SHALL BE APPLIED RETROACTIVELY TO STUDENTS WHO SWITCH INTO SUCH MAJORS. IN THE EVENT THAT A STUDENT ALREADY RECEIVES THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARD, SUCH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A STIPEND IN THE AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ADDITIONAL GRANT AWARD.

2. ALL STUDENTS AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES CORPORATION IN WHICH HE OR SHE COMMITS TO COMPLETE A DEGREE IN THE APPROVED MAJORS. IF A STUDENT FAILS TO RECEIVE HIS OR HER DEGREE IN AN APPROVED MAJOR WITHIN SIX YEARS OF THE INITIAL AWARD, THE STATE MAY REQUIRE SUCH STUDENT TO REIMBURSE THE STATE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ADDITIONAL GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

S 3. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010, provided, however, that the higher education services corporation is authorized and directed to promulgate any necessary rule or regulation on or before such effective date.

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

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