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Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL, McENENY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CASTRO, COOK, CRESPO, HEASTIE, KOON, MARKEY, SCARBOROUGH, SKARTADOS, TOWNS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing for an internet-based college within the state university of New York system; and to authorize the trustees of the state university of New York to establish a four-year SUNY internet-based college

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 352 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 552 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 3. The state university shall consist of the four university centers
5 at Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo and Stony Brook, the designated colleges
6 of arts and sciences at Brockport, Buffalo, Cortland, Fredonia, Geneseo,
7 New Paltz, Old Westbury, Oneonta, Oswego, Plattsburgh, Potsdam and
8 Purchase, empire state college, the agricultural and technical colleges
9 at Alfred, Canton, Cobleskill, Delhi, Farmingdale and Morrisville, down-
10 state medical center, upstate medical center, the college of optometry,
11 the college of environmental science and forestry, maritime college, the
12 college of technology at Utica/Rome, the statutory or contract colleges
13 at Cornell university and Alfred university, THE INTERNET-BASED COLLEGE,
14 and such additional universities, colleges and other institutions,
15 facilities and research centers as have been or hereafter may be
16 acquired, established, operated or contracted to be operated for the
17 state by the state university trustees.
18 S 2. (a) The trustees of the state university of New York are hereby
19 authorized and directed to immediately take all actions to create and
20 establish within the state university system, and subject to the juris-
21 diction of such board of trustees, an internet-based college as a four-
22 year state university of New York available solely online.
23 (b) The board of trustees of the state university of New York shall
24 select the location of the administration for such college within the

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

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1 state of New York and provide for such college to be an accessible,
2 affordable, competitive, four-year, bachelor's level, degree-granting
3 college of the state university.

4 (c) The purpose of this internet-based college shall be to offer
5 degree programs in an exclusively online format at an affordable price.

6 (d) The board of trustees of the state university of New York shall
7 conduct all the duties required under article 8 of the education law
8 upon the establishment of the state university of New York internet-
9 based college, establish a master plan, establish standards and promul-
10 gate any necessary rules and regulations for the establishment of such
11 college.

12 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.