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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the "say yes to education demonstration 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 669-e  
2 to read as follows:

3 S 669-E. SAY YES TO EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. 1. THE "SAY YES  
4 TO EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM" IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE CITY  
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE AND IN UP TO FIVE OTHER CITIES  
6 WITH POPULATIONS OF LESS THAN ONE MILLION, AND FAMILY POVERTY RATES  
7 CALCULATED IN THE TWO THOUSAND FEDERAL CENSUS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN  
8 THIRTEEN PERCENT.

9 2. STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN PARTICIPATING DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO  
10 SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION AND ARE ENROLLED IN TWELFTH GRADE DURING  
11 THE TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN--TWO THOUSAND TWELVE SCHOOL YEAR, AND SUBSEQUENT  
12 YEARS THEREAFTER AND: (A) WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ENROLLED IN SUCH  
13 DISTRICTS DURING THEIR TENTH AND ELEVENTH GRADE YEARS; (B) WHO HAVE A  
14 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR ITS EQUIVALENT; (C) WHO ARE MATRICULATED AT THE  
15 STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY) OR THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
16 (CUNY); AND WHO APPLY FOR FEDERAL PELL GRANTS AND THE NEW YORK STATE  
17 TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN  
18 OF THIS SUBPART, AND OTHER AVAILABLE FEDERAL AND STATE AID SHALL BE  
19 ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION.

20 3. ELIGIBLE STUDENTS SHALL RECEIVE AWARDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO THE COST  
21 OF TUITION AND FEES AT SUNY AND CUNY SCHOOLS LESS OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL  
22 AWARDS RECEIVED BY SUCH STUDENTS, OR THE ACTUAL COST OF TUITION AND  
23 FEES, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

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

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1 4. THE PRESIDENT OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES CORPORATION SHALL  
2 PROMULGATE ANY NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
3 THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN,  
4 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT CURRENT DURATION, INCOME ELIGIBILITY AND GRADE  
5 POINT AVERAGE STANDARDS APPLIED TO APPLICANTS FOR THE TUITION ASSISTANCE  
6 PROGRAM SHALL BE APPLIED TO APPLICANTS FOR THE "SAY YES TO EDUCATION  
7 DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM."  
8 5. THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED PURSUANT TO APPROPRIATION BY THE  
9 LEGISLATURE.  
10 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.