

5684

2011-2012 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

February 25, 2011

Introduced by M. of A. GIBSON -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to opportunity for gradu-
ate education, and making an appropriation therefor

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6456
2 to read as follows:
3 S 6456. OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION. 1. TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF
4 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY IN GRADUATE EDUCATION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY
5 CONTRACT WITH THREE PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCA-
6 TION FOR THE SUPPORT OF SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED TO INCREASE
7 THE NUMBER OF ECONOMICALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY DISADVANTAGED UNDERGRADUATE
8 STUDENTS WHO ARE PREPARED FOR ADMISSION TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS BEYOND
9 THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND A SPECIAL
10 SUMMER PROGRAM, A STUDENT SHALL HAVE COMPLETED THE FIRST YEAR OF AN
11 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AS A PARTICIPANT IN ONE OF THE
12 PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATIONALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS
13 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE OR
14 SIXTY-FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE. A STUDENT WHO ATTENDED A
15 SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAM UPON COMPLETION OF THE FIRST YEAR OF AN UNDER-
16 GRADUATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SHALL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND SUCH
17 PROGRAM UPON COMPLETION OF THE SECOND YEAR OF AN UNDERGRADUATE EDUCA-
18 TIONAL PROGRAM. A STUDENT WHO HAS COMPLETED THE THIRD OR FOURTH YEAR OF
19 AN UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND A
20 SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAM. ELIGIBLE STUDENTS SHALL BE SELECTED IN EQUAL
21 NUMBERS FROM STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS OF INDE-
22 PENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW
23 YORK AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, RESPECTIVELY. ENROLLMENT IN
24 SUCH PROGRAMS SHALL NOT EXCEED LEVELS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER,
25 WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET.

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

LBD08691-01-1

1 2. TO QUALIFY FOR STATE ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, AN INSTI-
2 TUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MUST BE A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INCORPORATED
3 BY THE REGENTS OR BY THE LEGISLATURE AND MUST MAINTAIN ONE OR MORE
4 EARNED DEGREE PROGRAMS CULMINATING IN A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE.

5 3. MONEYS MADE AVAILABLE TO INSTITUTIONS THROUGH CONTRACTS SHALL BE
6 SPENT ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

7 A. PERSONAL AND CAREER COUNSELING FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS;

8 B. DIAGNOSTIC AND PRESCRIPTIVE TESTING FOR SUCH STUDENTS;

9 C. INSTRUCTION IN SUBJECT MATTER AND LABORATORY WORK;

10 D. TUTORING OF ENROLLED STUDENTS;

11 E. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS IN SUCH AMOUNT AS IS
12 DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER;

13 F. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING PLANNING AND EVALUATION,
14 WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

15 4. EACH PROGRAM SHALL BE OPERATED FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT WEEKS, BETWEEN
16 THE FIRST DAY OF JULY AND THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR. AN
17 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SELECTED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO PROVIDE
18 A SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAM SHALL OFFER A PROGRAM IN HEALTH AND BIOLOGICAL
19 SCIENCES; LAW AND BUSINESS; OR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES, AS
20 DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

21 5. INSTITUTIONS APPLYING FOR CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL
22 SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER SUCH REPORTS OR OTHER INFORMATION AS HE SHALL
23 REQUIRE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER SUCH INFORMATION IN DETERMIN-
24 ING WHETHER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANY INSTITUTION. THE COMMIS-
25 SIONER MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
26 THESE PROGRAMS.

27 6. CONTRACTS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE
28 APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET.

29 7. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES
30 OF INSTITUTIONS WHICH RECEIVED STATE FUNDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN
31 THE FISCAL YEAR, CONCERNING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
32 THE PROGRAMS CONTRACTED FOR, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED, THE COSTS OF
33 THE PROGRAMS, AND FUTURE PLANS THEREFOR, AND SHALL TRANSMIT SUCH REPORT
34 TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER FIRST NEXT
35 FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF SUCH YEAR'S SUMMER PROGRAMS.

36 S 2. The sum of seven hundred eleven thousand two hundred dollars
37 (\$711,200), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropri-
38 ated to the department of education out of any moneys in the state trea-
39 sury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account not
40 otherwise appropriated, for its expenses, including personal service,
41 maintenance and operation, in carrying out the provisions of this act.

42 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding
43 the date on which it shall have become a law.