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

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

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 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 FIVE--TWO  
9     THOUSAND SIX 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 TWELVE. DONATIONS MAY  
21    BE FINANCIAL OR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS AND  
22    BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. ONCE THE NECESSARY LEVEL OF MATCH-  
23    ING CONTRIBUTIONS HAS BEEN RAISED, THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE VERIFICA-  
24    TION TO THE COMMISSIONER THAT THE REQUIRED LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTIONS HAS

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

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

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

5 S 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012. 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.