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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to grants for access to advanced secondary school courses

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3641-c to read as follows:

S 3641-C. GRANTS FOR ACCESS TO ADVANCED SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSES. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR INCREASING THE COLLEGE READINESS OF GRADE TEN AND GRADE ELEVEN STUDENTS BY PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRELIMINARY SAT/NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST (PSAT/NMSQT). THE COMMISSIONER SHALL AWARD GRANTS, WITHIN THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSES, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADMINISTER THE PSAT/NMSQT TO ALL ENROLLED GRADE TEN AND GRADE ELEVEN STUDENTS. PRIORITY FOR AWARDING SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE GIVEN TO HIGH NEED SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE THOSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH RECEIVE GRANTS WITH A DATABASE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION TO USE TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS WHO ARE EITHER PREPARED FOR ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OR WHO NEED ADDITIONAL WORK TO BE PREPARED FOR ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES.

2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH TECHNOLOGY-BASED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO SUCCEED IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION. THE PROGRAM SHALL SERVE ANY STUDENT IN THE STATE WHO MEETS THE PROFILE FOR SUCCESS IN THIS EDUCATIONAL DELIVERY CONTEXT AND SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO STUDENTS WHO NEED EXPANDED ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR EDUCATIONAL GOALS. PRIORITY SHALL ALSO BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS IN INNER-CITY AND RURAL HIGH SCHOOLS WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO HIGHER-LEVEL COURSES. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL ALSO PROVIDE TEACHER TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ENABLE TEACHERS OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES TO HAVE THE NECESSARY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS

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

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TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS ON ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS AND MASTERY OF POST-SECONDARY COURSE CONTENT.

S 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012; provided, however that the commissioner of education is authorized and directed, on or before such date, to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and to take any other measure necessary to implement this act on such effective date.