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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of the State Education Department) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the eligibility requirements and conditions governing general awards, academic performance awards and student loans; eligibility requirements for assistance under the higher education opportunity programs and the collegiate science and technology entry program; financial aid opportunities for students of the state university of New York, the city university of New York and community colleges; and the program requirements for the New York state college choice tuition savings program; and to repeal subdivision 3 of section 661 of such law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "education equity for DREAMers act".

S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 661 of the education law is REPEALED.

S 3. Paragraph a of subdivision 5 of section 661 of the education law, as amended by chapter 466 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

a. (I) Except as provided in subdivision two of section six hundred seventy-four OF THIS PART AND SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, an applicant for an award at the undergraduate level of study must either [(i)] (A) have been a legal resident of the state for at least one year immediately preceding the beginning of the semester, quarter or term of attendance for which application for assistance is made, or [(ii)] (B) be a legal resident of the state and have been a legal resident during his last two semesters of high school either prior to graduation, or prior to admission to college. Provided further that persons shall be eligible to receive awards under section six hundred sixty-eight or section six hundred sixty-nine OF THIS PART who are currently legal residents of the state and are otherwise qualified.

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

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(II) AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE STATE ELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, BUT IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, A PERMANENT LAWFUL RESIDENT, A LAWFUL NON-IMMIGRANT ALIEN OR AN APPLICANT WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL OF STUDY PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENT:

(A) ATTENDED A REGISTERED NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS, GRADUATED FROM A REGISTERED NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPLIED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDY FOR WHICH AN AWARD IS SOUGHT WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF RECEIVING A NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; OR

(B) ATTENDED AN APPROVED NEW YORK STATE PROGRAM FOR A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA, RECEIVED A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA AND APPLIED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDY FOR WHICH AN AWARD IS SOUGHT WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF RECEIVING A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA; OR

(C) IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES AT A RATE NO GREATER THAN THAT IMPOSED FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK OR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH EIGHT OF PARAGRAPH H OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE OR PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION SIXTY-TWO HUNDRED SIX OF THIS CHAPTER.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT A STUDENT WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO FILE AN AFFIDAVIT WITH SUCH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION STATING THAT THE STUDENT HAS FILED AN APPLICATION TO LEGALIZE HIS OR HER IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR WILL FILE SUCH AN APPLICATION AS SOON AS HE OR SHE IS ELIGIBLE TO DO SO.

S 4. Paragraph b of subdivision 5 of section 661 of the education law, as amended by chapter 466 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

b. [An] (I) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AN applicant for an award at the graduate level of study must either [(i)] (A) have been a legal resident of the state for at least one year immediately preceding the beginning of the semester, quarter or term of attendance for which application for assistance is made, or [(ii)] (B) be a legal resident of the state and have been a legal resident during his last academic year of undergraduate study and have continued to be a legal resident until matriculation in the graduate program.

(II) AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE STATE ELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, BUT IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, A PERMANENT LAWFUL RESIDENT, A LAWFUL NON-IMMIGRANT ALIEN OR AN APPLICANT WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL OF STUDY PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENT:

(A) ATTENDED A REGISTERED APPROVED NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS, GRADUATED FROM A REGISTERED NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPLIED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE GRADUATE STUDY FOR WHICH AN AWARD IS SOUGHT WITHIN TEN YEARS OF RECEIVING A NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; OR

(B) ATTENDED AN APPROVED NEW YORK STATE PROGRAM FOR A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA, RECEIVED A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA AND APPLIED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE GRADUATE STUDY FOR WHICH AN AWARD IS SOUGHT WITHIN TEN YEARS OF RECEIVING A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA; OR

(C) IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES AT A RATE NO GREATER THAN THAT IMPOSED FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK OR COMMUNITY

COLLEGES AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH EIGHT OF PARAGRAPH H OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE OR PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION SIXTY-TWO HUNDRED SIX OF THIS CHAPTER.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT A STUDENT WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO FILE AN AFFIDAVIT WITH SUCH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION STATING THAT THE STUDENT HAS FILED AN APPLICATION TO LEGALIZE HIS OR HER IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR WILL FILE SUCH AN APPLICATION AS SOON AS HE OR SHE IS ELIGIBLE TO DO SO.

S 5. Paragraph d of subdivision 5 of section 661 of the education law, as amended by chapter 844 of the laws of 1975, is amended to read as follows:

d. If an applicant for an award allocated on a geographic basis has more than one residence in this state, his OR HER residence for the purpose of this article shall be his OR HER place of actual residence during the major part of the year while attending school, as determined by the commissioner; AND FURTHER PROVIDED THAT AN APPLICANT WHO DOES NOT HAVE A RESIDENCE IN THIS STATE AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH A OR SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH B OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE DEEMED TO RESIDE IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN WHICH HE OR SHE ATTENDS FOR PURPOSES OF AN AWARD ALLOCATED ON A GEOGRAPHIC BASIS.

S 6. Paragraph e of subdivision 5 of section 661 of the education law, as added by chapter 630 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

e. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, the New York state [residency] eligibility [requirement] REQUIREMENTS for receipt of awards [is] SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPHS A AND B OF THIS SUBDIVISION ARE waived for a member, or the spouse or dependent of a member, of the armed forces of the United States on full-time active duty and stationed in this state.

S 7. Paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 10 to read as follows:

(10) SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL FURTHER PROVIDE THAT ANY STUDENT WHO IS NOT A LEGAL RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STATE BUT IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, A PERMANENT LAWFUL RESIDENT, A LAWFUL NON-IMMIGRANT ALIEN OR AN APPLICANT WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS MAY HAVE THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND OTHER FEES AND CHARGES REDUCED BY STATE-AIDED PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES THIRTEEN, THIRTEEN-A, FOURTEEN AND FOURTEEN-A OF THIS CHAPTER, PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH A OR SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, AS APPLICABLE.

S 8. Subdivision 7 of section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

(D) THE TRUSTEES SHALL FURTHER PROVIDE THAT ANY STUDENT WHO IS NOT A LEGAL RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STATE BUT IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, A PERMANENT LAWFUL RESIDENT, A LAWFUL NON-IMMIGRANT ALIEN OR AN APPLICANT WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS MAY HAVE THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND OTHER FEES AND CHARGES REDUCED BY STATE-AIDED PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES THIRTEEN, THIRTEEN-A, FOURTEEN AND FOURTEEN-A OF THIS CHAPTER, PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH A OR SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, AS APPLICABLE.

S 9. Section 6305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8-a to read as follows:

8-A. THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND OTHER FEES AND CHARGES OF A STUDENT WHO IS ATTENDING A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WHO IS NOT A LEGAL RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STATE BUT IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, A PERMANENT LAWFUL RESIDENT, A LAWFUL NON-IMMIGRANT ALIEN OR AN APPLICANT WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS MAY BE REDUCED BY STATE-AIDED PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES THIRTEEN, THIRTEEN-A, FOURTEEN AND FOURTEEN-A OF THIS CHAPTER, PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH A OR SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, AS APPLICABLE.

S 10. Paragraph d of subdivision 3 of section 6451 of the education law, as amended by chapter 149 of the laws of 1972, is amended to read as follows:

d. Any necessary supplemental financial assistance, which may include the cost of books and necessary maintenance for such enrolled students, INCLUDING STUDENTS WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH A OR SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, AS APPLICABLE; provided, however, that such supplemental financial assistance shall be furnished pursuant to criteria promulgated by the commissioner with the approval of the director of the budget.

S 11. Subparagraph (v) of paragraph a of subdivision 4 of section 6452 of the education law, as added by chapter 917 of the laws of 1970, is amended to read as follows:

(v) Any necessary supplemental financial assistance, which may include the cost of books and necessary maintenance for such students, INCLUDING STUDENTS WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH A OR SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH B OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, AS APPLICABLE; provided, however, that such supplemental financial assistance shall be furnished pursuant to criteria promulgated by such universities and approved by the regents and the director of the budget.

S 12. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 6455 of the education law, as added by chapter 285 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

(a) (I) Undergraduate science and technology entry program moneys may be used for tutoring, counseling, remedial and special summer courses, supplemental financial assistance, program administration, and other activities which the commissioner may deem appropriate. To be eligible for undergraduate collegiate science and technology entry program support, a student must be a resident of New York [who is], OR MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AND MUST BE either economically disadvantaged or from a minority group historically under represented in the scientific, technical, health and health-related professions, and [who demonstrates] MUST DEMONSTRATE interest in and a potential for a professional career if provided special services. Eligible students must be in good academic standing, enrolled full time in an approved, undergraduate level program of study, as defined by the regents.

(II) AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT A LEGAL RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STATE, BUT WHO IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, A PERMANENT LAWFUL RESIDENT, A LAWFUL NON-IMMIGRANT ALIEN OR AN APPLICANT WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL OF STUDY PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENT:

(1) ATTENDED A REGISTERED NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS, GRADUATED FROM A REGISTERED NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPLIED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDY FOR WHICH AN AWARD IS SOUGHT WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF RECEIVING A NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; OR

(2) ATTENDED AN APPROVED NEW YORK STATE PROGRAM FOR A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA, RECEIVED A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA AND APPLIED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDY FOR WHICH AN AWARD IS SOUGHT WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF RECEIVING A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA, ATTENDED AN APPROVED NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS, GRADUATED FROM AN APPROVED NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPLIED FOR ATTENDANCE AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF RECEIVING A NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; OR

(3) IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES AT A RATE NO GREATER THAN THAT IMPOSED FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK OR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH EIGHT OF PARAGRAPH H OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE OR PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION SIXTY-TWO HUNDRED SIX OF THIS CHAPTER.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT A STUDENT WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO FILE AN AFFIDAVIT WITH SUCH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION STATING THAT THE STUDENT HAS FILED AN APPLICATION TO LEGALIZE HIS OR IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR WILL FILE SUCH AN APPLICATION AS SOON AS HE OR SHE IS ELIGIBLE TO DO SO.

S 13. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 6455 of the education law, as added by chapter 285 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

(a) (I) Graduate science and technology entry program moneys may be used for recruitment, academic enrichment, career planning, supplemental financial assistance, review for licensing examinations, program administration, and other activities which the commissioner may deem appropriate. To be eligible for graduate collegiate science and technology entry program support, a student must be a resident of New York [who is], OR MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AND MUST BE either economically disadvantaged or from a minority group historically underrepresented in the scientific, technical and health-related professions. Eligible students must be in good academic standing, enrolled full time in an approved graduate level program, as defined by the regents.

(II) AN APPLICANT WHO IS NOT A LEGAL RESIDENT OF NEW YORK STATE, BUT EITHER IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, A PERMANENT LAWFUL RESIDENT, A LAWFUL NON-IMMIGRANT ALIEN OR AN APPLICANT WITHOUT LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN AWARD AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL OF STUDY PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENT:

(1) ATTENDED A REGISTERED APPROVED NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOR TWO OR MORE YEARS, GRADUATED FROM A REGISTERED NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPLIED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE GRADUATE STUDY FOR WHICH AN AWARD IS SOUGHT WITHIN TEN YEARS OF RECEIVING A NEW YORK STATE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; OR

(2) ATTENDED AN APPROVED NEW YORK STATE PROGRAM FOR A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA, RECEIVED A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA AND APPLIED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE GRADUATE STUDY FOR WHICH AN AWARD IS SOUGHT WITHIN TEN YEARS OF RECEIVING A STATE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA; OR

(3) IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES AT A RATE NO GREATER THAN THAT IMPOSED FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK OR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH EIGHT OF PARAGRAPH H OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE OR PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION SIXTY-TWO HUNDRED SIX OF THIS CHAPTER.

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S 14. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 695-e of the education law, as amended by chapter 593 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

(i) the name, address and social security number [or], employer identification number, OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER of the account owner UNLESS A FAMILY TUITION ACCOUNT THAT WAS IN EFFECT PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND TWELVE THAT AMENDED THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DOES NOT ALLOW FOR A TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, IN WHICH CASE A TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SHALL BE ALLOWED UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE CONTRACT;

S 15. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 695-e of the education law, as amended by chapter 593 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) the name, address, and social security number, EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, OR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER of the designated beneficiary, UNLESS A FAMILY TUITION ACCOUNT THAT WAS IN EFFECT PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND TWELVE THAT AMENDED THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DOES NOT ALLOW FOR A TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, IN WHICH CASE A TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SHALL BE ALLOWED UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE CONTRACT; and

S 16. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.