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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Nolan, Simanowitz) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating advanced placement coursework opportunities

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

1     Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding two  
2 new subdivisions 52 and 53 to read as follows:

3     52. (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP A GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOCAL  
4 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN AN EFFORT TO EITHER ESTABLISH OR EXPAND ADVANCED  
5 PLACEMENT PROGRAMS. SCHOOLS WHICH CURRENTLY OFFER FEWER THAN FOUR  
6 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND HAVE AN UNMET ADVANCED PLACEMENT POTENTIAL  
7 SHALL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE FOR SUCH FUNDING. FUNDING FOR SUCH  
8 ASSISTANCE SHALL INCLUDE: RECOGNIZED TRAINING THAT PROVIDES TEACHERS  
9 WITH THE NECESSARY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS TO PREPARE  
10 STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND ON ADVANCED  
11 PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS, AND COURSE START-UP COSTS SUCH AS CURRICULUM  
12 MATERIALS, NECESSARY LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED  
13 FOR THE OFFERING OF SUCH COURSES. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP ADDITIONAL  
14 GRANT-ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND SHALL AWARD FUNDS TO APPLYING  
15 SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACCORDINGLY.

16     (B) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL APPROPRIATE STATE MONIES AS MAY BE NECESSARY  
17 TO IMPLEMENT SUCH PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
18 SUBDIVISION.

19     53. (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP A MECHANISM TO FUND, FOR FINAN-  
20 Cially ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, THE PORTION OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE  
21 THAT IS NOT CURRENTLY FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL ADVANCE PLACEMENT TEST FEE  
22 PROGRAM, THE COLLEGE BOARD TEST FEE WAIVER AND THE SCHOOL TEST PROCESS-  
23 ING FEE WAIVER.

24     (B) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL APPROPRIATE STATE MONIES AS MAY BE NECESSARY  
25 TO IMPLEMENT SUCH MECHANISM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
26 SUBDIVISION.

27     S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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