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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing an automatic application system

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

1   Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new part 6   to
2 article 3 to read as follows:
3   PART VI
4   AUTOMATIC APPLICATION PROGRAM
5 SECTION 190. AUTOMATIC APPLICATION PROGRAM; ESTABLISHED.
6   191. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.
7   192. DATA PUBLICATION.
8   193. PROGRAM PROMOTION.
9   194. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.
10   S 190. AUTOMATIC APPLICATION PROGRAM; ESTABLISHED. THERE IS HEREBY
11 ESTABLISHED AN AUTOMATIC APPLICATION PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
12 BOARD OF REGENTS.
13   S 191. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. 1. THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND
14 THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SHALL PROMULGATE STANDARDS FOR THE AUTO-
15 MATIC APPLICATION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NEW YORK STATE.
16   2. IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY HIGH SCHOOL:
17   (A) TO PROVIDE AN ONLINE ACCOUNT FOR EACH STUDENT IN THE BEGINNING OF
18 THEIR SENIOR YEAR THROUGH WHICH STUDENTS MAY APPLY FOR ADMISSION INTO
19 THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK,
20 SUCH ONLINE ACCOUNT HAVING BEEN CREATED BY THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCA-
21 TION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS;
22   (B) TO SUBMIT TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND THE CITY UNIVER-
23 SITY OF NEW YORK THE DEMOGRAPHIC AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION, INCLUDING A
24 TRANSCRIPT AND/OR DIPLOMA, REQUIRED ON AN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO
25 SUCH INSTITUTION OF EACH STUDENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THEIR SENIOR YEAR.
26   3. A STUDENT MAY DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUTOMATIC APPLICATION
27 PROGRAM BY DECISION MADE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THEIR JUNIOR YEAR.

 1   4. A STUDENT WHO APPLIES PURSUANT TO THE AUTOMATIC APPLICATION PROGRAM
 2   AND MEETS THE STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
 3   AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS
 4   SECTION SHALL BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION INTO SUCH UNIVERSITIES.
 5   5. STUDENT DATA SHALL BE DELETED NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE
 6   CREATION OF SUCH STUDENT'S ONLINE ACCOUNT.
 7   S 192. DATA PUBLICATION. THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IN CONJUNC-
 8   TION WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS, SHALL COLLECT AND PUBLISH AN ANNUAL
 9   REPORT OF STUDENTS ADMITTED THROUGH THE AUTOMATIC APPLICATION PROGRAM.
10   THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE DATA OF ACCEPTED STUDENTS DISAGGREGATED BY
11   RACE, ETHNICITY, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, AND HIGH
12   SCHOOL INSTITUTION.
13   S 193. PROGRAM PROMOTION. THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IN CONJUNC-
14   TION WITH THE BOARD OF REGENTS, SHALL CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO
15   INFORM HIGH SCHOOLS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE AUTOMATIC APPLICA-
16   TION PROGRAM.
17   S 194. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY. THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL PROMULGATE
18   SUCH REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT
19   THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.
20   S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of August next succeeding
21   the date on which it shall have become a law.