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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to opportunity for graduate education, and making an appropriation therefor

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 section 6457
2 to read as follows:
3 S 6457. OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION. 1. TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF
4 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY IN GRADUATE EDUCATION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY
5 CONTRACT WITH THREE PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCA-
6 TION FOR THE SUPPORT OF SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED TO INCREASE
7 THE NUMBER OF ECONOMICALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY DISADVANTAGED UNDERGRADUATE
8 STUDENTS WHO ARE PREPARED FOR ADMISSION TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS BEYOND
9 THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND A SPECIAL
10 SUMMER PROGRAM, A STUDENT SHALL HAVE COMPLETED THE FIRST YEAR OF AN
11 UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AS A PARTICIPANT IN ONE OF THE
12 PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATIONALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS
13 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE OR
14 SIXTY-FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE. A STUDENT WHO ATTENDED A
15 SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAM UPON COMPLETION OF THE FIRST YEAR OF AN UNDER-
16 GRADUATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SHALL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND SUCH
17 PROGRAM UPON COMPLETION OF THE SECOND YEAR OF AN UNDERGRADUATE EDUCA-
18 TIONAL PROGRAM. A STUDENT WHO HAS COMPLETED THE THIRD OR FOURTH YEAR OF
19 AN UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND A
20 SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAM. ELIGIBLE STUDENTS SHALL BE SELECTED IN EQUAL
21 NUMBERS FROM STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS OF INDE-
22 PENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW

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

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1 YORK AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, RESPECTIVELY. ENROLLMENT IN
2 SUCH PROGRAMS SHALL NOT EXCEED LEVELS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER,
3 WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET.

4 2. TO QUALIFY FOR STATE ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, AN INSTI-
5 TUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MUST BE A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INCORPORATED
6 BY THE REGENTS OR BY THE LEGISLATURE AND MUST MAINTAIN ONE OR MORE
7 EARNED DEGREE PROGRAMS CULMINATING IN A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE.

8 3. MONEYS MADE AVAILABLE TO INSTITUTIONS THROUGH CONTRACTS SHALL BE
9 SPENT ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

10 A. PERSONAL AND CAREER COUNSELING FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS;

11 B. DIAGNOSTIC AND PRESCRIPTIVE TESTING FOR SUCH STUDENTS;

12 C. INSTRUCTION IN SUBJECT MATTER AND LABORATORY WORK;

13 D. TUTORING OF ENROLLED STUDENTS;

14 E. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS IN SUCH AMOUNT AS IS
15 DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER;

16 F. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING PLANNING AND EVALUATION,
17 WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

18 4. EACH PROGRAM SHALL BE OPERATED FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT WEEKS, BETWEEN
19 THE FIRST DAY OF JULY AND THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR. AN
20 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SELECTED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO PROVIDE
21 A SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAM SHALL OFFER A PROGRAM IN HEALTH AND BIOLOGICAL
22 SCIENCES; LAW AND BUSINESS; OR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE HUMANITIES, AS
23 DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

24 5. INSTITUTIONS APPLYING FOR CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL
25 SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER SUCH REPORTS OR OTHER INFORMATION AS HE SHALL
26 REQUIRE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER SUCH INFORMATION IN DETERMIN-
27 ING WHETHER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANY INSTITUTION. THE COMMIS-
28 SIONER MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
29 THESE PROGRAMS.

30 6. CONTRACTS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE
31 APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET.

32 7. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES
33 OF INSTITUTIONS WHICH RECEIVED STATE FUNDS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN
34 THE FISCAL YEAR, CONCERNING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
35 THE PROGRAMS CONTRACTED FOR, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED, THE COSTS OF
36 THE PROGRAMS, AND FUTURE PLANS THEREFOR, AND SHALL TRANSMIT SUCH REPORT
37 TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER FIRST NEXT
38 FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF SUCH YEAR'S SUMMER PROGRAMS.

39 S 2. The sum of seven hundred eleven thousand two hundred dollars
40 (\$711,200), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropri-
41 ated to the department of education out of any moneys in the state trea-
42 sury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account,
43 not otherwise appropriated, for its expenses, including personal
44 service, maintenance and operation, in carrying out the provisions of
45 this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the
46 comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the department of
47 education in the manner prescribed by law.

48 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding
49 the date on which it shall have become a law.