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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to state college attendance awards for students who maintain a certain minimum cumulative average throughout high school

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 670-c
2 to read as follows:
3 S 670-C. STATE COLLEGE ATTENDANCE AWARDS. 1. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER
4 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AWARD GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER, AN ELIGIBLE
5 STUDENT SHALL RECEIVE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY, PROVIDED SUCH
6 STUDENT ENROLLS IN AN ASSOCIATE OR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM AT A
7 PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION LOCATED IN THIS STATE WITHIN ONE YEAR
8 OF SUCH STUDENT'S COMPLETION OF THE CORE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION
9 FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN THIS STATE.
10 2. ELIGIBILITY. AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT SHALL BE A STUDENT WHO:
11 (A) HAS ATTENDED AN APPROVED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM LOCATED IN
12 THIS STATE FROM GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE; AND
13 (B) HAS MAINTAINED A MINIMUM 3.0 CUMULATIVE AVERAGE FOR EACH OF ALL
14 SEMESTERS OF SUCH STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE IN SUCH APPROVED HIGH SCHOOL
15 PROGRAM LOCATED IN THIS STATE.
16 3. DURATION. A STATE COLLEGE ATTENDANCE AWARD SHALL ENTITLE THE RECIP-
17 IENT TO AN ANNUAL AWARD FOR NOT MORE THAN FOUR ACADEMIC YEARS OF UNDER-
18 GRADUATE STUDY, PROVIDED SUCH STUDENT MAINTAINS THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC
19 STANDARDS FOR SUCH POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION; AND PROVIDED FURTHER SUCH
20 STUDENT REMAINS ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION UNTIL THE
21 COMPLETION OF HIS OR HER TERMINAL DEGREE.
22 4. AMOUNT. (A) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENTERING A COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH A
23 TWO YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM SHALL RECEIVE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH OF
24 TWO YEARS, OR A MAXIMUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND

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

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1 (B) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENTERING A PUBLIC FOUR YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSI-
2 TY SHALL RECEIVE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH OF FOUR YEARS, OR A MAXI-
3 MUM OF FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS.

4 (C) IN NO EVENT SHALL THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL AWARDS EXCEED THE
5 RECIPIENT'S COST OF ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION ATTENDED. COST OF
6 ATTENDANCE SHALL MEAN TUITION, REQUIRED FEES, LABORATORY AND OTHER
7 INSTRUCTION RELATED EXPENSES, BOOKS, TRANSPORTATION, AND ROOM AND BOARD.
8 ANYTHING IN THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, A RECIPIENT OF
9 A SCHOLARSHIP PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY CONCURRENTLY RECEIVE WITH
10 SUCH AWARD ANY OTHER ACADEMIC OR GENERAL AWARD FOR WHICH HE OR SHE MAY
11 BE ELIGIBLE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, IN NO EVENT SHALL A RECIPIENT BE AWARDED
12 A SCHOLARSHIP IN ANY AMOUNT WHERE THE COMBINATION OF ALL SUCH AWARDS
13 WOULD EXCEED THE RECIPIENT'S COST OF ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION.

14 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
15 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
16 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
17 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is
18 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
19 effective date.