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Introduced by Sens. FUNKE, CARLUCCI, FELDER, ORTT, RANZENHOFER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 55 and 56 to read as follows:

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

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

56. (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP A MECHANISM TO FUND, FOR FINANCIALLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS, THE PORTION OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE THAT IS NOT CURRENTLY FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL ADVANCE PLACEMENT TEST FEE

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

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PROGRAM, THE COLLEGE BOARD TEST FEE WAIVER AND THE SCHOOL TEST PROCESSING FEE WAIVER.

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

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.