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Introduced by Sen. MARTINS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating new degree or certificate programs at community colleges in order to increase successful job placement for future students

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

1     Section 1. Section 6303 of the education law is amended by adding a  
2     new subdivision 6 to read as follows:  
3     6. THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COMMUNI-  
4     TY COLLEGES SHALL CONSULT WITH THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCILS  
5     ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER FIFTY OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND  
6     SIXTEEN TO CREATE NEW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OR RESTRUCTURE  
7     CURRENT PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO INCREASE SUCCESSFUL JOB PLACEMENT FOR  
8     FUTURE STUDENTS. THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCILS SHALL USE  
9     DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DATA THAT PREDICTS FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS AND  
10    CONSULT WITH REGIONAL BUSINESSES TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARDS  
11    OF TRUSTEES ON HOW NEW PROGRAMS SHOULD BE STRUCTURED OR ON WAYS TO  
12    RESTRUCTURE CURRENT PROGRAMS TO TAILOR SUCH PROGRAMS TO INDUSTRY NEEDS.  
13    FOR EACH STUDENT WHO SUCCESSFULLY OBTAINS EMPLOYMENT UPON GRADUATING  
14    FROM A NEWLY CREATED OR RESTRUCTURED PROGRAM OR UPON RECEIVING A CERTIF-  
15    ICATE, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL BE REIMBURSED UP TO FIFTY PERCENT OF  
16    THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EDUCATING SUCH STUDENT, PURSUANT TO APPROPRI-  
17    ATION. IF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
18    THIS SUBDIVISION, SUCH COLLEGE MAY BE SUBJECT TO A REDUCTION IN STATE  
19    FUNDING.  
20    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
21    no community college shall lose state funding for failing to comply with  
22    this act until after July 1, 2020.

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

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