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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the New York International Scholarship program; and making an appropriation therefor

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 667-d to read as follows:

§ 667-d. New York International Scholarship. 1. Statement and purpose. It is the purpose of this section to establish an undergraduate scholarship program to enable an individual of limited financial means from New York state to spend time studying abroad in a non-English speaking country for up to a full academic year.

2. Establishment and duration. The president is authorized to establish the New York International Scholarship program. The president is authorized to provide scholarships to supplement funds received by an eligible individual under the Benjamin A. Gilman International scholarships provided for under the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000, title III of public law one hundred six-three hundred nine (PL 106-309). No recipient shall be eligible to receive an award pursuant to this section for more than one academic year. Scholarships under this section shall be known as the "New York International Scholarship."

3. Amount. The president upon application therefor shall award a scholarship up to one thousand dollars for any individual recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman International scholarships for the purpose of defraying international travel costs and extending the time spent studying abroad up to a full academic year; provided, however that the amount not exceed one thousand dollars. A recipient of this scholarship may concurrently receive with such award any other academic or general award for which he or she may be eligible provided however in no event shall the

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

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combination of all such awards exceed the individual recipient's cost of attendance at the abroad institution.

4. Eligibility. For the purposes of this section an "individual" shall mean a person:

a. in good standing at an institution of higher education recognized and approved by the regents or the university of the state of New York which provides a course of study leading to the granting of a post-secondary degree or diploma; and

b. accepted for up to one academic year of study on a program of study abroad approved for credit by the student's home institution; and

c. receiving any need-based student assistance or financial aid under article thirteen of this chapter; and

d. receiving moneys from the federally funded Benjamin A. Gilman International scholarship; and

e. who is a citizen or national of the United States.

5. Application and selection. Scholarship application and selection shall be carried out through the institutions. In considering applications for the scholarship under this section the institution shall consider the financial need of the individual, including the increased costs of study abroad.

§ 2. The sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the New York state higher education services corporation out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the state purposes account not otherwise appropriated for services and expenses of the corporation, to provide state matching funds for the purposes of exclusively carrying out the provisions of this act.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.