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Introduced by M. of A. RODRIGUEZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing an automatic application system

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

1   Section 1. Article 3 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 part 6 to read as follows:
3   PART VI
4   AUTOMATIC APPLICATION PROGRAM
5 Section 190. Automatic application program; established.
6   191. Program requirements.
7   192. Data publication.
8   193. Program promotion.
9   194. Rulemaking authority.
10   § 190. Automatic application program; established. There is hereby
11 established an automatic application program to be administered by the
12 department.
13   § 191. Program requirements. 1. The department shall promulgate stand-
14 ards for the automatic application of graduating high school students in
15 New York state that comply with the federal family educational rights
16 and privacy act. No personal information shall be shared with an
17 external entity without the express consent from a student having
18 attained the age of eighteen or, in the case of students seventeen years
19 of age or younger, parental consent.
20   2. It shall be the responsibility of the department to create and
21 maintain a centralized academic database:
22   (a) to provide an online account for each student in the beginning of
23 their senior year of high school through which students may apply for
24 admission into the state university of New York and the city university
25 of New York;

1 (b) to preload the demographic and academic information available to
2 the department into such account required on an application for admis-
3 sion into such institution of each student at the beginning of their
4 senior year of high school.
5 3. A student may decline to participate in the automatic application
6 program by decision made prior to the beginning of their junior year and
7 at any time or point in the application process. The student retains
8 sole discretion over whether to submit an application. The application
9 fee shall be borne by the student.
10 4. A student who applies pursuant to the automatic application program
11 and meets the standards promulgated by the department pursuant to subdi-
12 vision one of this section shall be accepted for admission into such
13 universities.
14 5. Student data shall be deleted in compliance with federal and state
15 regulations.
16 6. The department shall provide estimates of anticipated financial aid
17 based on data submissions on student applications prior to submission of
18 the application.
19 § 192. Data publication. The department shall collect and publish an
20 annual report assessing the effectiveness of the automatic application
21 program. The report shall include data of accepted students disaggre-
22 gated by race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographic location, and
23 high school institution.
24 § 193. Program promotion. The department shall create and implement a
25 program to inform high schools and the general public about the automat-
26 ic application program.
27 § 194. Rulemaking authority. The department shall promulgate such
28 regulations of the commissioner as may be necessary to carry out the
29 provisions of this article.
30 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of August next succeeding
31 the date on which it shall have become a law.