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Introduced by M. of A. BYRNE, MORINELLO, GIGLIO, RA, BRABENEC, CROUCH, D'URSO, DICKENS, RAIA, GOODELL, LAWRENCE, B. MILLER, WALSH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARCLAY, HAWLEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to authorize and direct the commissioner of education to study and report on the effect the enhanced tuition award has on the growth rate and overall cost of tuition at New York's private institutions of higher learning

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

Section 1. The commissioner of education is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study to determine if the enhanced tuition award's requirement that recipient's tuition rates be frozen by their college has an effect on non-recipient student's cost of attending college in New York.

§ 2. The study shall include the collection and analysis of data on:

(a) tuition rates for all non-enhanced tuition award recipients as an aggregate;

(b) tuition rates for in-state non-enhanced tuition award recipients;

(c) tuition rates for out-of-state students;

(d) increases of related costs of attending college, such as:

(i) textbooks from school owned stores;

(ii) meal plans;

(iii) cost of living on campus;

(iv) room and board;

(v) extracurricular fees;

(vi) student fees;

(vii) overall average cost increases other than tuition; and

(viii) any other fee or cost associated with attending college or university; and

(e) tuition rate changes for all private colleges in New York state.

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

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§ 3. The data collected under section two of this act shall be gathered and studied over a 5 year timespan to ensure a minimal impact of market forces, economic shifts, or any other major factor that would alter the cost of attending private colleges in New York.

§ 4. Not later than 6 years after the effective date of this act, the commissioner of education shall conclude this study and submit a report based on the study, including, but not limited to, any findings, results and recommendations, to each member of the legislature and the governor.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.