STATE OF NEW YORK

3988

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 22, 2019

Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to extending eligibility for certain scholarships to students attending private and proprietary institutions of higher education

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 669-e of the education law, as amended by chapter 329 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

1. Undergraduate students who are matriculated in an approved undergraduate program leading to a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics at a New York state public**, private or proprietary** institution of higher education for the purpose of subdivision two of this section, or a New York state private degree granting institution of higher education for the purpose of subdivision two-a of this section, shall be eligible for an award under this section, provided the applicant: (a) graduates from a high school located in New York state during or after the two thousand thirteen--fourteen school year; and (b) graduates within the top ten percent of his or her high school class; and (c) enrolls in full-time study each term beginning in the fall term after his or her high school graduation in an approved undergraduate program in science, technology, engineering or mathematics, as defined by the corporation, at a New York state institution of higher education; and (d) signs a contract with the corporation agreeing that his or her award will be converted to a student loan in the event the student fails to comply with the terms of this program as set forth in subdivision four of this section; and (e) complies with the applicable provisions of this article and all requirements promulgated by the corporation for the administration of the program.

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

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§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 669-f of the education law, as added by section 1 of subpart A of part EE of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1. Eligibility. Students who are matriculated in an approved master's degree in education program at a New York state public**, private or proprietary** institution of higher education leading to a career as a teacher in public elementary or secondary education shall be eligible for an award under this section, provided the applicant: (a) earned an undergraduate degree from a college located in New York state; (b) was a New York state resident while earning such undergraduate degree; (c) achieved academic excellence as an undergraduate student, as defined by the corporation in regulation; (d) enrolls in full-time study in an approved master's degree in education program at a New York state public**, private or proprietary** institution of higher education leading to a career as a teacher in public elementary or secondary education; (e) signs a contract with the corporation agreeing to teach in a classroom setting on a full-time basis for five years in a school located within New York state providing public elementary or secondary education recognized by the board of regents or the university of the state of New York, including charter schools authorized pursuant to article fifty-six of this chapter; and (f) complies with the applicable provisions of this article and all requirements promulgated by the corporation for the administration of the program.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.