

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 8, 2019

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the New York state civics corps program act

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new article 24-A
2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 24-A

NEW YORK STATE CIVICS CORPS PROGRAM ACT

Section 1220. Short title.

1221. Program.

1222. Duration.

1223. Location and compensation.

1224. Duties and responsibilities.

1225. Displacement of regular employees prohibited.

1226. Applicants.

§ 1220. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York state civics corps program act".

§ 1221. Program. Subject to an appropriation, the department shall establish and implement the New York state civics corps program designed to provide fellowship opportunities for high school graduates to acquire knowledge and skills and participate in the processes of state and local governments. The purpose of such program is to introduce applicants to the opportunities and complexities of state and local governments including the development and adoption of laws, regulations and policies and the engagement of government offices with their various constituencies.

§ 1222. Duration. The New York state civics corps program fellowship placements shall begin on the first of July and end on the thirtieth of June of each year.

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

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1 § 1223. Location and compensation. Applicants selected for fellowships
2 pursuant to this article shall be assigned to work for one year at state
3 and/or local government including but not limited to department of
4 state, the New York state senate, the New York state assembly, New York
5 state courts, and local governments. Each fellowship shall be a full-
6 time position with compensation set at an amount of twenty thousand
7 dollars for the year.

8 § 1224. Duties and responsibilities. The duties and responsibilities
9 of individuals selected to participate in the fellowship program shall
10 include research, policy development, and administrative tasks as deter-
11 mined by the department, office, legislative branch, court, or local
12 government of placement.

13 § 1225. Displacement of regular employees prohibited. Participants in
14 the fellowship program shall not displace regular employees.

15 § 1226. Applicants. All applicants to the New York state civics corps
16 program must:

17 1. be a citizen of the United States or a foreign national eligible to
18 work in the United States;

19 2. have completed high school in the school year immediately preceding
20 the beginning of the program;

21 3. have a minimum high school grade point average of eighty-five; and

22 4. be willing to defer full-time college or vocational study until the
23 conclusion of the fellowship program; however, nothing in this subdivi-
24 sion shall deter applicants from pursuing part-time college or voca-
25 tional study while participating in the fellowship program.

26 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
27 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
28 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
29 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
30 completed on or before such effective date.