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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PICHARDO, SAYEGH, DE LA ROSA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to creating a stipend program for students and eligible persons earning less than \$100,000 per year

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

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2 98 to read as follows:

3 § 98. Stipend program. 1. For purposes of this section:

4 (a) "student" shall mean a person enrolled for at least six hours, or  
5 the equivalent, per semester in the "state university," a "community  
6 college," or a "statutory or contract college" as defined in section  
7 three hundred fifty of the education law, or enrolled for at least six  
8 hours, or the equivalent, per semester in a private university within  
9 the state; and

10 (b) "eligible person" shall mean:

11 (i) a student or a person who is employed for at least twenty hours  
12 per week and such student or person earns less than one hundred thousand  
13 dollars per year; and

14 (ii) a citizen of the United States; and

15 (iii) an individual not employed by the state, a municipality within  
16 the state, or employed as a "state officer" or "local officer" as speci-  
17 fied in section two of the public officers law.

18 2. The department shall develop and implement a stipend program in  
19 conjunction with the state comptroller to provide certain eligible  
20 persons within the state a stipend of five hundred dollars each month.  
21 Each household shall not receive more than one stipend under such  
22 program. Funding for such program shall be paid from the state treasury  
23 upon the audit and warrant of the comptroller out of funds made avail-  
24 able therefor. The department shall create an application process for

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

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1 such program, which shall include a method for verifying eligibility and  
2 a process for annual recertification under this section.

3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
4 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
5 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
6 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
7 on or before such effective date.