STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BROOKS -- 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 the New York state part-time scholarship program

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

Section 1. Section 667-c-1 of the education law, as added by section 1 of part KKK of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

§ 667-c-1. New York state part-time scholarship (PTS) award program. 1. The New York state part-time scholarship (PTS) award program is hereby established for the purpose of providing scholarship awards to students who attend a [~~community college at the state university of New York (SUNY) or the city University of New York (CUNY)~~] **New York state public institution of higher education** on a part-time basis.

2. To be eligible, an applicant must meet the qualifications of subdivisions three and five of section six hundred sixty-one of this article, enroll in at least six but less then twelve credit hours at a [~~SUNY or CUNY community college~~] **New York state public institution of higher education** in the 2017-2018 academic year, or thereafter, and maintain a grade point average of 2.0.

3. a. Such awards shall be made to eligible applicants in the following priority:

(i) first, to applicants who have received payment of an award pursuant to this section in a prior year and remain in good academic standing; and

(ii) second, to applicants in descending order based on financial need as determined by the corporation and; provided that awards made shall be proportionate to the total applications received for students accepted for undergraduate study at SUNY and CUNY respectively. Provided, howev-

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

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er, in the program's first year, first priority shall be in accordance with this subparagraph.

b. In the event that there are more applicants who have the same priority than there are remaining scholarships, the president shall distribute the remaining number of such scholarships by means of a lottery or other form of random selection.

4. Within amounts appropriated therefor, the president shall grant awards to eligible applicants to cover the cost of [~~six~~] up to nine credit hours per semester at a SUNY or CUNY community college, provided however, that no such award shall exceed [~~fifteen hundred~~] two thousand two hundred fifty dollars per semester.

5. PTS awards shall be granted pursuant to this section for no more than four consecutive academic semesters pursuant to future appropriations for the continuation of this program.

6. The corporation is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations, and may promulgate emergency regulations, necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.