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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. STAVISKY, BIAGGI, KRUEGER, PERSAUD -- 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 establishing a service corps education grant to be used for tuition costs or loan repayment; and to amend the executive law, in relation to funding for the service corps education grant

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 section 683-c
2 to read as follows:

3 § 683-c. Tuition or loan repayment for fellowship programs. 1. Indi-
4 viduals serving in the New York state conservation corps positions
5 provided by section 3.23 of the parks, recreation and historic preserva-
6 tion law or any position otherwise deemed as a public service fellowship
7 attained upon graduation by the corporation, shall be eligible for an
8 education grant to be used for either tuition costs at eligible insti-
9 tutions of higher education or loan repayment that is at least equiv-
10 alent to the Segal education award available under the Americorps
11 program as of October first, two thousand eighteen based on duration of
12 service.

13 2. The corporation shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary
14 for the implementation of this section.

15 § 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 184 to read
16 as follows:

17 § 184. Replacement of funds for Americorps or fellowship programs. In
18 the event that the federal budget or continuing resolutions in force for
19 federal fiscal years two thousand twenty-one or two thousand twenty-two,
20 or both, or federal statutory or regulatory changes, reduce federal
21 financial participation or other federal aid in funding to New York
22 state that affects the state operating funds for the Americorps Segal

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

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1 education award or other post-graduate fellowship or service corps
2 programs funded in part or entirely by federal dollars, the director of
3 the division of the budget shall notify the temporary president of the
4 senate and speaker of the assembly in writing that the federal actions
5 will reduce expected funding to New York state. The director of the
6 division of the budget shall then authorize a suballocation or transfer
7 of funds to meet the obligations imposed by section six hundred eighty-
8 three-c of the education law and shall submit a plan to the legislature
9 describing the nature of the suballocations. The legislature shall have
10 ninety days after such submission to either prepare its own plan that
11 provides for a replacement of such funds, which may be adopted by
12 concurrent resolution passed by both houses, or if after ninety days the
13 legislature fails to adopt their own plan, the plan proposed by the
14 director of the division of the budget will go into effect automat-
15 ically.

16 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.