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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. RODRIGUEZ -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing an auto-  
matic application system

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

1 Section 1. Article 3 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
2 part 6 to read as follows:

### PART VI

#### AUTOMATIC APPLICATION PROGRAM

3 Section 190. Automatic application program; established.

4 191. Program requirements.

5 192. Data publication.

6 193. Program promotion.

7 194. Rulemaking authority.

8 § 190. Automatic application program; established. There is hereby  
9 established an automatic application program to be administered by the  
10 department.

11 § 191. Program requirements. 1. The department shall promulgate stand-  
12 ards for the automatic application of graduating high school students in  
13 New York state that comply with the federal family educational rights  
14 and privacy act. No personal information shall be shared with an  
15 external entity without the express consent from a student having  
16 attained the age of eighteen or, in the case of students seventeen years  
17 of age or younger, parental consent.

18 2. It shall be the responsibility of the department to create and  
19 maintain a centralized academic database:

20 (a) to provide an online account for each student in the beginning of  
21 their senior year of high school through which students may apply for  
22 admission into the state university of New York and the city university  
23 of New York;

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

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1 (b) to preload the demographic and academic information available to  
2 the department into such account required on an application for admis-  
3 sion into such institution of each student at the beginning of their  
4 senior year of high school.

5 3. A student may decline to participate in the automatic application  
6 program by decision made prior to the beginning of their junior year and  
7 at any time or point in the application process. The student retains  
8 sole discretion over whether to submit an application. The application  
9 fee shall be borne by the student.

10 4. A student who applies pursuant to the automatic application program  
11 and meets the standards promulgated by the department pursuant to subdi-  
12 vision one of this section shall be accepted for admission into such  
13 universities.

14 5. Student data shall be deleted in compliance with federal and state  
15 regulations.

16 6. The department shall provide estimates of anticipated financial aid  
17 based on data submissions on student applications prior to submission of  
18 the application.

19 § 192. Data publication. The department shall collect and publish an  
20 annual report assessing the effectiveness of the automatic application  
21 program. The report shall include data of accepted students disaggre-  
22 gated by race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographic location, and  
23 high school institution.

24 § 193. Program promotion. The department shall create and implement a  
25 program to inform high schools and the general public about the automat-  
26 ic application program.

27 § 194. Rulemaking authority. The department shall promulgate such  
28 regulations of the commissioner as may be necessary to carry out the  
29 provisions of this article.

30 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of August next succeeding  
31 the date on which it shall have become a law.