STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- 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 creating a collegiate emergency medical services pilot program

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new article 129-C to read as follows:

ARTICLE 129-C

COLLEGIATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM

Section 6450. Collegiate emergency medical services pilot program.

§ 6450. Collegiate emergency medical services pilot program. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law to the contrary, and subject to appropriation, the commissioner is hereby authorized to establish a collegiate emergency medical services pilot program at any qualified independent institution of higher education which meets the requirements of this section, upon application by such institution and within limits of amounts appropriated.

2. A "qualified institution" shall mean any college or university chartered by the regents or incorporated by special act of the legislature that maintains a campus in New York; and which is located within any city, town, village or fire district in which the total amount of tax exempt property represents more than thirty-five percent, by value, of the total amount of property in such city, town, village, or fire district.

3. The commissioner shall establish a collegiate emergency medical service pilot program for the purpose of enabling college campuses and universities to construct independent emergency services to offset the disproportionate impact that campuses may have on local infrastructure. The program shall include, but not be limited to, the provision of basic emergency medical services to students, faculty, and visitors of the

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

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campus, mutual aid to local fire and emergency services, and training for students of universities in emergency response. The program shall coordinate with local fire and emergency services in order to ensure continuity of service and appropriate provision of care.

4. Within amounts appropriated, the commissioner shall establish a collegiate emergency medical services pilot program at a qualified institution including, but not limited to, monies allocated for training, equipment, and administration. The commissioner shall make grants of no less than sixty thousand dollars per qualified institution in the first year of the operation of the program. Each qualified institution shall be required to submit a report to the legislature by February first, two thousand twenty-two, which shall include, but not be limited to, documentation of participation rates, any impediments to implementation encountered, steps taken to establish insurance reimbursement protocols, and recommendations to ensure sustainability of the program. Such qualified institutions shall be eligible to receive funding under this section annually for up to five years.

5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a qualified institution from receiving non-state sources of funding to support the collegiate emergency services pilot program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.