STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 10, 2024

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Chang) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the admissions program for the state university of New York maritime college

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 352-a of the education law, subdivision 2 as amended by section 1 of part II of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023 and subdivision 3 as added by section 1 of part F of chapter 83 of the laws of 2002, are amended to read as follows:

2. (a) Maritime college shall have a total of [~~two hundred eighty-four~~] **four hundred thirty-seven** vacancy positions set aside for applicants who are nominated by the governor, a state senator or a member of the assembly. Such vacancy nominations shall increase or decrease based upon the number of senate districts authorized pursuant to article three of the New York state constitution. An applicant who receives such a nomination, is accepted for admission into the college and participates in the regimental program shall receive a scholarship equal to the amount of the state tuition charge after the deduction of any available grant aid for the four consecutive years following his or her admission into the program provided, however, that the student remains in the regimental/cadet degree program and remains at all times in good academic standing as determined by the maritime college administration. In no event shall a student lose [~~his or her~~] **their** scholarship based upon legislative reapportionment or changes in legislative composition or membership. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit or reduce the number of vacancies available to the general population.

(b) To be eligible to receive such nomination and scholarship, the applicant must be a resident of the state. For purposes of this section, a state resident shall be defined as a person who has resided in the state of New York for a period of at least one year prior to the time of nomination, is a graduate or within one year of graduation from an approved high school or has attained a New York state high school equivalency diploma or its equivalent as determined by the commissioner.

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

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3. The vacancy nominations shall be distributed as follows: five for the governor, five for the majority leader of the senate, five for the speaker of the assembly, two for each state senator other than the majority leader of the senate and [~~one~~] **two** for each member of the assembly other than the speaker of the assembly. The governor and each member of the legislature shall provide one principal and three alternative nominations for consideration for admission. Final admission decisions shall remain with the college and within administrative procedures and criteria.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.