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Introduced by Sen. MURRAY -- 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 increasing the income eligibility threshold for the tuition assistance program

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 667 of the education law, as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter 60 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) **(A)** Except for students as noted in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, the base amount as determined from subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, shall be reduced in relation to income as follows:

Amount of income	Schedule of reduction of base amount
[~~(A)~~] **(1)** Less than seven thousand dollars	None
[~~(B)~~] **(2)** Seven thousand dollars or more, but less than eleven thousand dollars	Seven per centum of excess over seven thousand dollars
[~~(C)~~] **(3)** Eleven thousand dollars or more, but less than eighteen thousand dollars	Two hundred eighty dollars plus ten per centum of excess over eleven thousand dollars
[~~(D)~~] **(4)** Eighteen thousand dollars or more, but not more than [~~eighty~~] **one hundred ten** thousand dollars **or, the the regional median income, whichever is greater**	Nine hundred eighty dollar plus twelve per centum of excess over eighteen thousand dollars

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

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(B) (1) For the purposes of this subparagraph, regional median income shall mean the median household income of an economic development region. To determine such regional median income, the median household income of each county within an economic development region shall be averaged. Such median household income data shall be based on the U.S. Census Data reports of median income data as based on the five most recent years of median incomes as reported to the U.S. Census Bureau by each county.

(2) For the purposes of this subparagraph, economic development region shall include the same areas as described in subdivision (j) of section 4211.2 of title twenty-one of the New York codes, rules and regulations.

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