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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 20, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN, COLTON, O'PHARROW, DAVILA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to scholarships for academic excellence

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 605-a of the education law, as amended by section 83 of part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

2. In the event that a scholarship awarded is declined by a student, or for any reason revoked by the commissioner or the president, its benefits shall lapse and there shall be no further payments or awarding of such scholarship**; provided however, if an award is declined by a student prior to the end of their high school program, the scholarship shall be awarded, to the extent practicable, to the next most qualified student pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision one of this section**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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

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