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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- 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 state college attendance awards for students who maintain a certain minimum cumulative average throughout high school

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 670-c
2 to read as follows:

3 § 670-c. State college attendance awards. 1. In addition to any other
4 academic performance award granted pursuant to this chapter, an eligible
5 student shall receive one thousand dollars annually, provided such
6 student enrolls in an associate or baccalaureate degree program at a
7 public postsecondary institution located in this state within one year
8 of such student's completion of the core requirements for graduation
9 from a public high school located in this state.

10 2. Eligibility. An eligible student shall be a student who:

11 (a) has attended an approved public high school program located in
12 this state from grades nine through twelve; and

13 (b) has maintained a minimum 3.0 cumulative average for each of all
14 semesters of such student's attendance in such approved high school
15 program located in this state.

16 3. Duration. A state college attendance award shall entitle the recip-
17 ient to an annual award for not more than four academic years of under-
18 graduate study, provided such student maintains the minimum academic
19 standards for such postsecondary institution; and provided further such
20 student remains enrolled in a public postsecondary institution until the
21 completion of such student's terminal degree.

22 4. Amount. (a) Eligible students entering a community college with a
23 two year degree program shall receive one thousand dollars for each of
24 two years, or a maximum of two thousand dollars; and

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

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1 (b) Eligible students entering a public four year college or universi-
2 ty shall receive one thousand dollars for each of four years, or a maxi-
3 imum of four thousand dollars.

4 (c) In no event shall the amount of the annual awards exceed the
5 recipient's cost of attendance at the institution attended. Cost of
6 attendance shall mean tuition, required fees, laboratory and other
7 instruction related expenses, books, transportation, and room and board.
8 Anything in this article to the contrary notwithstanding, a recipient of
9 a scholarship pursuant to this section may concurrently receive with
10 such award any other academic or general award for which such recipient
11 may be eligible; provided, however, in no event shall a recipient be
12 awarded a scholarship in any amount where the combination of all such
13 awards would exceed the recipient's cost of attendance at the institu-
14 tion.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
16 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
17 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
18 tation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made and
19 completed on or before such effective date.