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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. SEPULVEDA, GOUNARDES, PERSAUD, SERRANO -- 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 the funding of certain CUNY programs by the state

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 6217
2 to read as follows:

3 § 6217. ASAP and ACE program funding. 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule
4 or regulation to the contrary, beginning in the two thousand twenty-six-
5 -two thousand twenty-seven fiscal year, the state shall appropriate and
6 pay an amount equal to twenty-five per centum of the annual one hundred
7 forty-one million dollars in funding for the city university of New
8 York's accelerated study in associate programs (ASAP) and accelerate,
9 complete, engage (ACE) program for the two thousand twenty-six--two
10 thousand twenty-seven academic year. Each fiscal year thereafter, the
11 state shall increase such funding amount by twenty-five per centum until
12 one hundred per centum of both programs is funded by the state. The
13 maximum amount of total funding by two thousand thirty shall not exceed
14 one hundred fifty million dollars.

15 2. For the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven academic
16 year such funding for the city university of New York's accelerate,
17 complete, engage (ACE) program required by subdivision one of this
18 section shall fully fund such program at Lehman College, Medgar Evers
19 College, Queens College, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

20 3. For the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven academic
21 year such funding for the city of New York's accelerated study in asso-
22 ciate programs (ASAP) required by subdivision one of this section shall
23 fully fund such program at Queensborough Community College, Bronx Commu-

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

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1 nity College, Kingsborough Community College, and Borough of Manhattan
2 Community College.

3 4. The remainder of such funding for the two thousand twenty-six--two
4 thousand twenty-seven academic year for the university of New York's
5 accelerate, complete, engage (ACE) program and accelerated study in
6 associate programs (ASAP) shall be designated as deemed appropriate to
7 participating city university of New York campuses as directed by the
8 board of trustees of the city university of New York.

9 5. For the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight
10 academic year such funding shall be utilized for the implementation of
11 the university of New York's accelerate, complete, engage (ACE) program
12 and accelerated study in associate programs (ASAP) in all remaining city
13 university of New York campuses as such funding permits.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.