STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 5, 2026

Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- 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 eligibility for the New York opportunity promise scholarship

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 6311 of the education law, as added by section 1 of part F of chapter 56 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

(e) has not [~~already~~] obtained any postsecondary degree **within two hundred forty months preceding the semester for which the applicant makes an initial application**, provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit the eligibility of a student who is already enrolled in an eligible associate degree program on the effective date of this section and who meets all the other eligibility requirements of this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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