STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 2, 2026

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing grants for the implementation of the seal of civic readiness program

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3641-c to read as follows:

§ 3641-c. Grants for implementation of the seal of civic readiness program. Beginning with state fiscal year two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven, within the amount appropriated for such purpose, the commissioner shall establish a program of competitively awarded grants of fifty thousand dollars to no more than twenty applicant school districts per year, for public schools that have successfully completed both the seal of civic readiness application and commissioner created grant application. Grants shall be awarded by the commissioner for exemplary applications that provide plans for the utilization of any combination of teaching and/or clerical staff, community partnerships, professional development, curriculum and instructional design to carry out the implementation of the seal of civic readiness program.

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

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

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