STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JENSEN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to defining academic excellence relating to the New York state masters-in-education teacher incentive scholarship program

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 669-f of the education law, as amended by chapter 516 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

1. Eligibility. Students who are matriculated in an approved master's degree in education program at a New York state college, as defined in subdivision two of section six hundred one of this title, leading to a career as a teacher in public elementary or secondary education shall be eligible for an award under this section, provided the applicant: (a) earned an undergraduate degree from a college located in New York state; (b) was a New York state resident while earning such undergraduate degree; (c) achieved [~~academic excellence~~] *a cumulative grade point average of three and a half or higher on a four point scale* as an undergraduate student[~~, as defined by the corporation in regulation~~] *or in their first semester in an approved master's degree in education program at a New York state public institution of higher education*; (d) enrolls *or is enrolled* in full-time study in an approved master's degree in education program at a New York state college, as defined in subdivision two of section six hundred one of this title, leading to a career as a teacher in public elementary or secondary education; (e) signs a contract with the corporation agreeing to teach in a classroom setting on a full-time basis for five years in a school located within New York state providing public elementary or secondary education recognized by the board of regents or the university of the state of New York, including charter schools authorized pursuant to article fifty-six of this

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

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chapter; and (f) complies with the applicable provisions of this article and all requirements promulgated by the corporation for the administration of the program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.