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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- 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 tuition scholarship award programs for certain resident and non-resident medical students

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 two new sections  
2 669-i and 669-j to read as follows:

3 § 669-i. Full-tuition scholarship award program for certain resident  
4 medical students. 1. A full-tuition scholarship award shall be made to  
5 an applicant who is matriculated in an approved medical program and who  
6 complies with the applicable provisions of this section and all require-  
7 ments promulgated by the corporation for the administration of the  
8 program. For purposes of this section, an "approved medical program"  
9 shall mean a post-collegiate level program offered by a unit of the  
10 state university of New York, a unit of the city university of New York,  
11 or other state-supported medical school approved by the commissioner,  
12 leading to a degree of doctor of medicine, "M.D.", doctor of osteopathy,  
13 "D.O.", or equivalent degree in accordance with the commissioner's regu-  
14 lations.

15 2. Within amounts appropriated therefor and based on availability of  
16 funds, awards shall be granted beginning with the two thousand twenty-  
17 six--two thousand twenty-seven academic year and thereafter to appli-  
18 cants that the corporation has determined are eligible to receive such  
19 awards.

20 3. An eligible recipient shall not receive an award for more than four  
21 years of full-time study in an approved medical program or for more than  
22 the actual number of years required to complete such a program if  
23 enrolled on a full-time basis.

24 4. A recipient shall agree to reside exclusively in New York state,  
25 and shall not be employed in any other state, for a continuous number of

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

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1 years equal to the duration of the award received within six months of  
2 receipt of such recipient's final award payment, and sign a contract  
3 with the corporation to have such recipient's full award converted to a  
4 student loan according to a schedule to be determined by the corporation  
5 if such student fails to fulfill such requirement.

6 5. Recipients shall receive an annual payment for the successful  
7 completion of an academic year, equal to the annual tuition charged to  
8 state resident students attending an approved medical program on a full-  
9 time basis.

10 6. The corporation is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations  
11 necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this section.

12 § 669-j. Tuition scholarship award program for certain non-resident  
13 medical students. 1. A tuition scholarship award shall be made to an  
14 applicant who: (a) is matriculated in an approved medical program, (b)  
15 is a non-resident who lives within a one hundred fifty mile radius of  
16 any border of New York state, and (c) complies with the applicable  
17 provisions of this section and all requirements promulgated by the  
18 corporation for the administration of the program. For purposes of this  
19 section, an "approved medical program" shall mean a post-collegiate  
20 level program offered by a unit of the state university of New York, a  
21 unit of the city university of New York, or other state-supported  
22 medical school approved by the commissioner, leading to a degree of  
23 doctor of medicine, "M.D.", doctor of osteopathy, "D.O.", or equivalent  
24 degree in accordance with the commissioner's regulations.

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26 funds, awards shall be granted beginning with the two thousand twenty-  
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29 awards.

30 3. An eligible recipient shall not receive an award for more than four  
31 years of full-time study in an approved medical program or for more than  
32 the actual number of years required to complete such a program if  
33 enrolled on a full-time basis.

34 4. Recipients shall receive an annual payment for the successful  
35 completion of an academic year, equal to two-thirds of the annual  
36 tuition charged to non-resident students attending an approved medical  
37 program on a full-time basis.

38 5. The corporation is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations  
39 necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this section.

40 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to any  
41 eligible applicant beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.