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## SENATOR BIAGGI AND SENATE MAJORITY PASS THE JOSÉ PERALTA NEW YORK STATE DREAM ACT

Senator Biaggi and the Senate Majority Conference passed the José Peralta New York State DREAM Act (S.1250). The DREAM Act will allow undocumented children, who are already students in New York State to access state aid for higher education. New York State is now the fifth state to pass the DREAM Act, making college affordable for undocumented students. Senator Biaggi is a cosponsor of the bill. The State Assembly has passed it, and it is expected to be signed by the Governor.

"New York was built and made great by immigrants from all over the world. Now, when immigrants are under attack, New York must be a leader in defending them and providing them the opportunity to continue to contribute to our state and our country," Senator Biaggi said. "The José Peralta New York State DREAM Act offers hard working youth, the children of immigrants, the same access to education as all other New Yorkers, so they can build their careers, keep New York growing, and fulfill the dreams that brought them to the United States."

The passage of this legislation will remove the barriers that prevent undocumented students from college saving programs by creating the Dream Fund for college scholarship opportunities. This is a step to make the American Dream possible for aspiring young dreamers.

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