

GOV BACKS ED BREAK

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ALBANY - Immigrants seeking permanent resident status would pay the same CUNY or SUNY tuition as New Yorkers under legislation touted by **Gov.** Pataki yesterday.

Seeking re-election to a third term this year, Pataki announced his support for the tuition **break** at a conference of Latino leaders and activists.

About 2,800 immigrants without permanent resident status are enrolled at CUNY, and about 200 are enrolled at SUNY.

CUNY tuition for New Yorkers is about \$3,200 a year; nonresidents pay \$6,800.

CUNY had offered immigrants the lower rate but stopped doing so last fall to make its tuition policies consistent with federal immigration law.

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