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STARTING WEDNESDAY, young immigrants who came to the U.S. illegally as children can apply to call off deportations and get a work permit.

In **New** York State, an estimated 80,000 immigrants between the ages of 15 and 30 could benefit, according to an Immigration **Policy** Center analysis.

The **new policy**, called "deferred action," appears to be well-timed to court voters; after President Obama announced it this summer, a Quinnipiac poll found a boost in his support among Latino voters in Florida.

Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) has said he plans to sue the President over the move.

Young people who are in high school, have graduated, or received a GED can apply. Honorably discharged veterans also are eligible.

The status - which must be renewed every two years - does not provide a path to citizenship.

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