New York Dream Act Would Cost Typical Taxpayer Less Than a Doughnut

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Last year, I wrote about how the New York Dream Act — which would offer state financial aid to undocumented college students — would cost most New York taxpayers less than a latte. Turns out for the average taxpayer, it’s even cheaper.

The Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI), a non-partisan research organization, has issued a report looking at the costs and benefits of the state-level bill. And since we all know it’s easier to do math when it involves fried dough, they’ve broken out the costs in doughnut dollars:
The figures were still calculated the same way as last year, but in the report the organization decided to focus on the cost for the median taxpayer, which was $0.87 per year. My latte piece looked at the majority of taxpayers, those making $200,000 per year or less.

Expect the New York Dream Act to be back in the news. Supporters of the education bill are starting to make noise again, and there will be a rally for the legislation in Albany on March 5.

Of the three states with the highest number of immigrant residents, New York is the only one that doesn’t offer state financial aid to undocumented immigrant students.

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