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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. BRESLIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. McENENY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to eligibility for state aid for certain independent institutions of higher learning

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 6401 of the education law, as  
2     amended by chapter 507 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     3. Degree awards. The amount of such annual apportionment to each  
5     institution meeting the requirements of subdivision two of this section  
6     shall be computed by multiplying by not to exceed six hundred dollars  
7     the number of earned associate degrees, by not to exceed one thousand  
8     five hundred dollars the number of earned bachelor's degrees, by not to  
9     exceed nine hundred fifty dollars the number of earned master's degrees,  
10    and by not to exceed four thousand five hundred fifty dollars the number  
11    of earned doctorate degrees, conferred by such institution during the  
12    twelve-month period next preceding the annual period for which such  
13    apportionment is made, provided that there shall be excluded from any  
14    such computation the number of degrees earned by students with respect  
15    to whom state aid other than that established by this section or section  
16    sixty-four hundred one-a of this article is granted directly to the  
17    institution, and provided further that, except as otherwise provided in  
18    this subdivision, the amount apportioned for an associate degree shall  
19    be awarded only to two year institutions qualifying under subdivision  
20    two of this section. The regents shall promulgate rules defining and  
21    classifying professional degrees for the purposes of this section.  
22    Institutions qualifying for state aid pursuant to the provisions of  
23    paragraph (b) of subdivision two of this section shall, for purposes of  
24    this subdivision, be deemed to be the institutions which confer degrees.

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

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1 For purposes of this subdivision, a two-year institution which has  
2 received authority to confer bachelor degrees shall continue to be  
3 considered a two-year institution until such time as it has actually  
4 begun to confer the bachelor's degree. Thereafter, notwithstanding any  
5 other provision of law to the contrary, an institution which was former-  
6 ly a two-year institution for the purposes of this section and which was  
7 granted authority by the regents to confer bachelor degrees, (a) such  
8 authority having been granted after the first day of June, nineteen  
9 hundred ninety-three, but before the first day of July, nineteen hundred  
10 ninety-three, [or] (b) such authority having been granted after the  
11 first day of May, two thousand five, but before the first day of June,  
12 two thousand five OR (C) SUCH AUTHORITY HAVING BEEN GRANTED AFTER THE  
13 FIRST DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND NINE, BUT BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF MAY,  
14 TWO THOUSAND NINE, may elect to continue to receive awards for earned  
15 associate degrees. Should such institution so elect, it shall not be  
16 eligible during the time of such election to receive awards for earned  
17 bachelor's degrees.

18 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.