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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. BALL, GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the "Commitment to Military Education Act"

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

- Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Commitment to Military Education Act."
- S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 669-e to read as follows:
- S 669-E. TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES. 1. ELIGIBLE STUDENTS. STUDENTS MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND MUST HAVE BEEN ENROLLED IN A TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER A BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHICH WAS CANCELLED OR SUSPENDED IN THE YEAR 2013.
- 2. TUITION REDUCTION. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, STUDENTS WHO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCED TUITION IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. REDUCED TUITION SHALL BE EQUIVALENT TO THE REGULAR TUITION AMOUNT REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PER CREDIT HOUR THE STUDENT FORMERLY RECEIVED FROM A TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER A BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.
- 18 3. IMPLEMENTATION. THE STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES AND THE BOARD OF 19 GOVERNORS OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL PRESCRIBE RULES AND 20 REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.
- 4. EFFECTIVENESS. STUDENTS SHALL REMAIN ELIGIBLE UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION UNTIL THE TUITION ASSISTANCE
 PROGRAM UNDER A BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, WHICH WAS
 CANCELLED OR SUSPENDED IN THE YEAR 2013, FOR WHICH THEY WERE ENROLLED,
 OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR PROGRAM, IS REINSTATED.
 - S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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