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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- 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 granting academic credit at state operated institutions of the state university of New York and the senior colleges of the city university of New York to veterans, members of the military, and reservists

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 669-h  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 669-H. COURSE CREDIT FOR VETERANS, MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY, AND  
4     RESERVISTS. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION: (A) THE TERM "VETERAN"  
5     MEANS A PERSON, MALE OR FEMALE, RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, WHO HAS SERVED  
6     IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DURING A  
7     WAR IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED AND WHO HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM  
8     SUCH SERVICE BY ANY MEANS OTHER THAN BY DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE, OR WHO  
9     HAS BEEN FURLOUGHED TO THE RESERVE.  
10    (B) THE TERM "MEMBER OF THE MILITARY" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS ACTIVELY  
11    ENROLLED IN A BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.  
12    (C) THE TERM "RESERVIST" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF A RESERVE  
13    COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.  
14    2. EVERY VETERAN, MEMBER OF THE MILITARY, OR RESERVIST, WHO IS  
15    ENROLLED ON A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME BASIS AS AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
16    IN GOOD STANDING AT AN INSTITUTION WITHIN THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
17    SHALL, UPON APPLICATION, BE GRANTED UP TO SIX ACADEMIC CREDITS PER YEAR  
18    AND SIXTY CREDITS IN THE AGGREGATE TOWARDS HIS OR HER DEGREE FOR  
19    COMPLETION OF COURSES THAT WERE PART OF SUCH PERSON'S MILITARY TRAINING  
20    OR SERVICE IF THE COMPLETED COURSES MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE AMERICAN  
21    COUNCIL ON EDUCATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT FOR THE AWARDING OF ACADEMIC  
22    CREDITS. NO FEE, TUITION OR OTHER CHARGE SHALL BE ASSESSED AGAINST A  
23    VETERAN, MEMBER OF THE MILITARY, OR RESERVIST, WHO QUALIFIES FOR SUCH  
24    CREDIT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

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

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1       3. THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY UNIVER-  
2       SITY OF NEW YORK SHALL ADOPT SUCH PROCEDURES AS ARE NECESSARY TO FULLY  
3       IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.  
4       S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
5       the date on which it shall have become a law.