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## IN SENATE

## January 19, 2016

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 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 ASSEM-BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 669-h 2 to read as follows:
  - S 669-H. COURSE CREDIT FOR VETERANS, MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY, AND RESERVISTS. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION: "VETERAN" (A) THE TERM MEANS A PERSON, MALE OR FEMALE, RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, WHO HAS SERVED IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DURING A WHICH THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED AND WHO HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM WAR IN SUCH SERVICE BY ANY MEANS OTHER THAN BY DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE, OR WHO HAS BEEN FURLOUGHED TO THE RESERVE.
  - (B) THE TERM "MEMBER OF THE MILITARY" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS ACTIVELY ENROLLED IN A BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.
  - (C) THE TERM "RESERVIST" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF A RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.
- EVERY VETERAN, MEMBER OF THE MILITARY, OR RESERVIST, WHO IS ENROLLED ON A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME BASIS AS AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOOD STANDING AT AN INSTITUTION WITHIN THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM SHALL, UPON APPLICATION, BE GRANTED UP TO SIX ACADEMIC CREDITS PER YEAR SIXTY CREDITS IN THE AGGREGATE TOWARDS HIS OR HER DEGREE FOR COMPLETION OF COURSES THAT WERE PART OF SUCH PERSON'S MILITARY 19 SERVICE IF THE COMPLETED COURSES MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE AMERICAN 20 COUNCIL ON EDUCATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT FOR THE AWARDING OF
- 21 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.

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

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3. THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY UNIVER-SITY OF NEW YORK SHALL ADOPT SUCH PROCEDURES AS ARE NECESSARY TO FULLY 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.