

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to exempting private scholarships from reductions in the Excelsior Scholarship

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 669-h of the education law, as
2 added by section 1 of part HHH of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 2. Amount. Within amounts appropriated therefor and based on avail-
5 ability of funds, awards shall be granted beginning with the two thou-
6 sand seventeen--two thousand eighteen academic year and thereafter to
7 applicants that the corporation has determined are eligible to receive
8 such awards. The corporation shall grant such awards in an amount up to
9 five thousand five hundred dollars or actual tuition, whichever is less;
10 provided, however, (a) a student who receives educational grants and/or
11 scholarships that cover the student's full cost of attendance shall not
12 be eligible for an award under this program; and (b) an award under this
13 program shall be applied to tuition after the application of payments
14 received under the tuition assistance program pursuant to section six
15 hundred sixty-seven of this subpart, tuition credits pursuant to section
16 six hundred eighty-nine-a of this article, federal Pell grant pursuant
17 to section one thousand seventy of title twenty of the United States
18 code, et. seq., and any other public program that covers the cost of
19 attendance, and the award under this program shall be reduced in the
20 amount equal to such payments, provided that the combined benefits do
21 not exceed five thousand five hundred dollars. The award under this
22 program shall not be reduced due to the acceptance of a scholarship from
23 a private person, corporation, entity or institution. Upon notification
24 of an award under this program, the institution shall defer the amount
25 of tuition. Notwithstanding paragraph h of subdivision two of section
26 three hundred fifty-five and paragraph (a) of subdivision seven of
27 section six thousand two hundred six of this chapter, and any other law,
28 rule or regulation to the contrary, the undergraduate tuition charged by

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

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1 the institution to recipients of an award shall not exceed the tuition
2 rate established by the institution for the two thousand sixteen--two
3 thousand seventeen academic year provided, however, that in the two
4 thousand twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two academic year and every
5 four years thereafter, the undergraduate tuition charged by the institu-
6 tion to recipients of an award shall be reset to equal the tuition rate
7 established by the institution for the forthcoming academic year,
8 provided further that the tuition credit calculated pursuant to section
9 six hundred eighty-nine-a of this article shall be applied toward the
10 tuition rate charged for recipients of an award under this program.
11 Provided further that the state university of New York and the city
12 university of New York shall provide an additional tuition credit to
13 students receiving an award to cover the remaining cost of tuition.
14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.