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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the part-time tuition assistance program

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

1 Section 1. Section 667-c of the education law, as added by section 1
2 of part N of chapter 58 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 § 667-c. Part-time tuition assistance program awards.

5 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
6 president of the higher education services corporation is authorized to
7 make tuition assistance program awards to [~~part-time~~] students [~~enrolled~~
8 ~~at the state university, a community college, the city university of New~~
9 ~~York, and a non-profit college or university incorporated by the regents~~
10 ~~or by the legislature who meet all requirements for tuition assistance~~
11 ~~program awards except for the students' part-time attendance]~~ who attend
12 a New York state public institution of higher education on a part-time
13 basis.

14 2. [~~For purposes of this section, a part-time student is one who:~~] To
15 be eligible, an applicant must meet the qualifications of subdivisions
16 three and five of section six hundred sixty-one of this article, [a-
17 ~~enrolled as a first-time freshman during the two thousand six-two thou-~~
18 ~~sand seven academic year or thereafter at a college or university within~~
19 ~~the state university, including a statutory or contract college, a~~
20 ~~community college established pursuant to article one hundred twenty-six~~
21 ~~of this chapter, the city university of New York, or a non-profit~~
22 ~~college or university incorporated by the regents or by the legisla-~~
23 ~~ture;]~~ enrolled in at least six but less than twelve credit hours at a
24 New York state public institution of higher learning in the two thousand

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

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1 seventeen--two thousand eighteen academic year, or thereafter, and main-
2 tain a grade point average of at least 2.0.

3 ~~[b. has earned at least twelve credits in each of two consecutive~~
4 ~~semesters at one of the institutions named in paragraph a of this subdi-~~
5 ~~vision by the time of the awards;~~

6 ~~c. is enrolled for at least six but less than twelve semester hours,~~
7 ~~or the equivalent, per semester in an approved undergraduate degree~~
8 ~~program; and~~

9 ~~d. has a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.00.]~~

10 3. a. For part-time students defined in this section, the award shall
11 be calculated as provided in section six hundred sixty-seven of this
12 article and shall be in an amount equal to the enrollment factor percent
13 of the award the student would have been eligible for if the student
14 were enrolled full-time. The enrollment factor percent is the percentage
15 obtained by dividing the number of credits the student is enrolled in,
16 as certified by the school, by the number of credits required for full-
17 time study in the semester, quarter or term as defined by the commis-
18 sioner.

19 b. Any semester, quarter or term of attendance during which a student
20 receives an award pursuant to this section shall be counted as the
21 enrollment factor percent of a semester, quarter or term toward the
22 maximum term of eligibility for tuition assistance awards pursuant to
23 section six hundred sixty-seven of this article. ~~[The total period of~~
24 ~~study for which payment may be made shall not exceed the equivalent of~~
25 ~~the maximum period authorized for that award.]~~

26 c. The total amount of funds awarded shall not exceed the total amount
27 available to the traditional full-time student.

28 4. Part-time students defined in this section will create, in agree-
29 ment with the college or university, an education plan allowing the
30 student to complete his or her associate's degree program in as much as
31 four and one-half years or his or her bachelor's degree program in as
32 much as nine years. The education plan will establish a schedule requir-
33 ing the student to carry a minimum of six credits each semester and a
34 minimum of twelve credits each year. The student would be required to
35 maintain continued attendance (excluding summer sessions) for the period
36 of the agreement. The college or university is authorized to grant a
37 leave period for the duration of a semester or its equivalent at its
38 discretion in the event of medical conditions, family responsibilities
39 or financial emergencies.

40 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.