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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. EACHUS, JENSEN, SIMPSON, BUTTENSCHON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 669-i to read as follows:

§ 669-i. Course credit for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "volunteer firefighter" shall have the same meaning as provided for in section three of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law.

2. Every volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician who is also enrolled on a full-time basis as an undergraduate student in good standing, at an institution within the state university of New York or the city university of New York, shall upon application be granted up to three academic credits per year and six credits in the aggregate towards their degree. No fee, tuition or other charge shall be assessed against a volunteer firefighter or emergency medical technician who qualifies for such credit pursuant to this section.

3. The board of trustees of the state university of New York and the city university of New York shall adopt a policy to implement the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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