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Introduced by M. of A. ESPAILLAT, McENENY, LAVINE, DESTITO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the office of university coordinator for veterans' services and to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the division of veterans' affairs to assist the state university of New York and the city university of New York in coordinating services to assist veterans returning to the classroom

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph y to read as follows:

Y. TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY COORDINATOR FOR VETERANS' SERVICES, WHICH OFFICE SHALL BE LOCATED AT THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION. THE COORDINATOR SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES AND SERVE AT ITS PLEASURE. THE COORDINATOR SHALL BE AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW. THE COORDINATOR'S DUTIES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, IDENTIFICATION, DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING A DETAILED PLAN TO ASSIST VETERANS IN MAKING THE TRANSITION INTO THE CLASSROOM AFTER COMPLETING THEIR MILITARY SERVICE. THE COORDINATOR SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. THE COORDINATOR FOR VETERANS' SERVICES MAY APPOINT A VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIRECTOR AT EACH STATE OPERATED INSTITUTION IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

S 2. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-A. TO ASSIST THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK IN COORDINATING A COMPREHENSIVE ARRAY OF SERVICES TO ASSIST VETERANS IN MAKING THE TRANSITION INTO THE CLASSROOM. THE SERVICES MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ASSISTANCE IN APPLYING FOR STATE AND FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND COUNSELING RESOURCES.

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

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S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law, provided that any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date shall be promulgated on or before such date.