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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the eligibility for tuition awards by students on probation or parole for weapons convictions

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph d of subdivision 6 of section 661 of the educa-  
2 tion law, as added by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read  
3 as follows:  
4 d. No student who is incarcerated in any federal, state or other penal  
5 institution shall be eligible for any general or academic performance  
6 award made pursuant to this article. NO STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED  
7 OF ANY WEAPONS POSSESSION, TRANSPORT OR SALE CHARGE AND IS CURRENTLY ON  
8 PROBATION OR PAROLE FOR SUCH CONVICTION SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR  
9 OR RECEIVE ANY GENERAL OR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AWARD MADE PURSUANT TO  
10 THIS ARTICLE UNTIL SUCH STUDENT IS SUCCESSFULLY DISCHARGED FROM  
11 PROBATION OR PAROLE WHEREUPON SUCH STUDENT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY  
12 FOR SUCH AWARDS FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING ACADEMIC SEMESTER.  
13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to tuition  
14 awards for the 2010-2011 academic year and all subsequent academic  
15 years.

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

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