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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting the deferral of awards granted under the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

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

1 Section 1. Section 667 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 4 to read as follows:
3 4. DEFERRAL OF TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AWARDS PROHIBITED. UNDER NO
4 CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL AN AWARD GRANTED UNDER THE TUITION ASSISTANCE
5 PROGRAM (TAP) PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE STUDENT
6 RECIPIENT GRADUATES FROM HIS OR HER COURSE OF STUDY. THE PRESIDENT SHALL
7 PAY A TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AWARD TO THE STUDENT RECIPIENT IN A
8 REASONABLE TIMEFRAME IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE STUDENT RECIPIENT IS ABLE TO
9 APPLY THE AWARD TOWARD HIS OR HER TUITION BILL ON TIME. NO TUITION
10 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SHALL BE MADE CONTINGENT UPON THE STUDENT'S GRADU-
11 ATION FROM HIS OR HER UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY.
12 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to
13 academic quarters and semesters beginning on or after August 1, 2009.

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

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