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Introduced by Sen. PADAVAN -- 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 certain tuition waivers for police officer students of the state university of New York and the city university of New York

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

Section 1. Paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 1-a to read as follows:

(1-A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW, RULE OR REGULATION, SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL PERMIT MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYED IN THE RANK OF POLICE OFFICER, ENROLLED IN PROGRAMS LEADING TO BACCALAUREATE OR HIGHER DEGREES AT STATE-OPERATED INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY TO ATTEND UP TO TWO COURSES PER SEMESTER OR QUARTER WITHOUT TUITION, PROVIDED THAT SUCH TUITION-WAIVED ATTENDANCE DOES NOT DENY COURSE ATTENDANCE AT A STATE-OPERATED INSTITUTION BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED UNDER THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

S 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 7 of section 6206 of the education law, as added by chapter 548 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general, special or local law, rule or regulation, the board of trustees shall promulgate regulations to permit members of the New York city police department employed in the rank of police officer, who are enrolled in programs leading to baccalaureate or higher degrees at a senior college of the city university to attend [one course] UP TO TWO COURSES PER SEMESTER OR QUARTER without tuition, provided that such course is related to their employment as police officers and that such tuition-waived attendance does not deny course attendance at a senior college of the city university by an individual who is otherwise qualified under this section.

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 immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to paragraph (c) of subdivision 7 of section 6206 of the education law made by section two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such paragraph and shall be deemed repealed therewith.