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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT relating to reporting on the tuition assistance program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Report on the tuition assistance program. The president of the higher education services corporation shall develop and prepare a report on the tuition assistance program (TAP) which shall be submitted by February 15 of each year to the governor, the majority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate finance committee, the chair of the assembly ways and means committee and the chairs of the higher education committees in both houses. Such report shall review and include, but not be limited to, information or data on the following areas:

(1) All polices regarding, and the costs associated with, the distribution of TAP funds to both full-time and part-time TAP recipients.

(2) Payment schedules, certification times, and repayment procedures for TAP.

(3) A survey of the eligibility requirements for full-time and part-time TAP recipients.

(4) A review of all procedures for the adjustments of income for change in circumstance and its impact and utilization by recipients of TAP, at each institution, each semester or trimester.

(5) The number and circumstances under which one-time exemptions from academic progress requirements were granted to recipients of TAP, at each institution, each semester or trimester.

(6) The availability of state financial assistance as it pertains to the increasing cost of attending a college or university.

(7) The number of students receiving TAP, full-time and part-time, at each institution, each semester or trimester.

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

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(8) The number of credits earned by students receiving TAP, full-time and part-time, at each institution, each semester or trimester.

(9) The number of students receiving TAP, full-time and part-time, at each institution, each semester or trimester, that become ineligible for TAP because they have exhausted their allotment.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed upon the submission of the report on February 15, 2012.