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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- 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; to amend chapter 548 of the laws of 2004, amending the education law relating to certain tuition waivers for police officer students of the city university of New York, in relation to extending the provisions of such chapter; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

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 POLICE OFFICERS, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION TWO HUNDRED NINE-Q OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, WHO ARE 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] POLICE OFFICERS, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION TWO HUNDRED NINE-Q OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, 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

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

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[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.

S 3. Section 2 of chapter 548 of the laws of 2004, amending the education law relating to certain tuition waivers for police officer students of the city university of New York, as amended by chapter 190 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1, [2012] 2014.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that:

1. section one of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1, 2014; and

2. 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 expiration and repeal of such paragraph and shall expire and be deemed repealed therewith.