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Introduced by Sen. BRESLIN -- 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 tuition benefits for members of the New York state organized militia

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 669-b of the educa-  
2     tion law, as added by chapter 268 of the laws of 1996, is amended to  
3     read as follows:  
4     c. The term "tuition" shall mean the total semester, quarter, or  
5     classroom hour cost of instruction to the student as periodically  
6     published in the catalogue of the institution, specifically excluding  
7     mandatory fees, book charges, and room and board, EXCEPT THAT TUITION  
8     FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAMS OFFERED BY EXCELSIOR COLLEGE AND APPROVED  
9     BY THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL BE  
10    CONSTRUED AS INCLUDING CHARGES FOR ENROLLMENT, EXAMINATIONS, AND ADVISE-  
11    MENT AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES.  
12    S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 669-b of the education law, as added by  
13    chapter 268 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:  
14    3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general, special, or  
15    local law, rule, or regulation, any active member who has successfully  
16    completed advanced individual training or commissioning and other  
17    requirements of the division of military and naval affairs for tuition  
18    benefit eligibility shall be entitled to the tuition benefit provided by  
19    this section upon his or her enrollment in a degree producing curriculum  
20    in any institution, OR, IN THE CASE OF AN INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM  
21    APPROVED BY THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
22    ENROLLMENT IN EXCELSIOR COLLEGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF EARNING CREDIT FOR  
23    INDEPENDENT STUDY TOWARD A DEGREE OFFERED BY THE INSTITUTION.

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

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1     S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that  
2     the amendments to section 669-b of the education law made by sections  
3     one and two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and  
4     shall be deemed to be repealed therewith.