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AN ACT requiring the state university of New York and the city university of New York to examine and conduct a study on the availability of campus services, programs and resources for veterans

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

- 1     Section 1. The board of trustees of the state university of New York  
2 shall examine and conduct a study on the availability of campus  
3 services, programs and resources for a veteran attending any college of  
4 the state university of New York as a student, which shall consider, but  
5 not be limited to the following:
- 6     (a) Existing services, programs, and resources offered by campus  
7 veterans services offices, which may include, but not be limited to  
8 academic, financial, and career advising services, as well as personal  
9 counseling services for such students;
- 10    (b) The number of veterans attending each college as students compared  
11 to the number of available full-time counselors and/or advisors employed  
12 at each college campus for such students; and
- 13    (c) Any recommendations, based on consultation with relevant stake-  
14 holders, on how to increase the availability of existing services,  
15 programs, and resources that may better facilitate the transition period  
16 for a veteran attending any college of the state university of New York  
17 as a student.
- 18    S 2. The board of trustees of the city university of New York shall  
19 examine and conduct a study on the availability of campus services,  
20 programs and resources for a veteran attending any college of the city  
21 university of New York as a student, which shall consider, but not be  
22 limited to the following:
- 23    (a) Existing services, programs, and resources offered by campus  
24 veterans services offices, which may include, but not be limited to  
25 academic, financial, and career advising services, as well as personal  
26 counseling services for such students;

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

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1 (b) The number of veterans attending college as students compared to  
2 the number of available full-time counselors and/or advisors on staff at  
3 each college campus for such students; and

4 (c) Any recommendations, based on consultation with relevant stake-  
5 holders, on how to increase the availability of existing services,  
6 programs, and resources that may better facilitate the transition period  
7 for a veteran attending any college of the city university of New York  
8 as a student.

9 S 3. The board of trustees of the state university of New York and the  
10 board of trustees of the city university of New York shall each submit a  
11 final report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, tempo-  
12 rary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the  
13 chairs of the higher education committees in the assembly and senate  
14 within one year of the effective date of this act.

15 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.