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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 -- recommended to the Committee on Higher Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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; 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:

1     Section 1. Paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the educa-  
2     tion law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 1-a to read as follows:  
3     (1-A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER GENERAL, SPECIAL OR  
4     LOCAL LAW, RULE OR REGULATION, SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL PERMIT POLICE  
5     OFFICERS, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION TWO HUNDRED NINE-Q OF THE  
6     GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, WHO ARE ENROLLED IN PROGRAMS LEADING TO BACCALAU-  
7     REATE OR HIGHER DEGREES AT STATE-OPERATED INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE  
8     UNIVERSITY TO ATTEND UP TO TWO COURSES PER SEMESTER OR QUARTER WITHOUT  
9     TUITION, PROVIDED THAT SUCH TUITION-WAIVED ATTENDANCE DOES NOT DENY  
10    COURSE ATTENDANCE AT A STATE-OPERATED INSTITUTION BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
11    IS OTHERWISE QUALIFIED UNDER THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO  
12    THIS SECTION.

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

16    (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general, special or  
17    local law, rule or regulation, the board of trustees shall promulgate  
18    regulations to permit [members of the New York city police department  
19    employed in the rank of police officer] POLICE OFFICERS, AS SUCH TERM IS

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

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1 DEFINED IN SECTION TWO HUNDRED NINE-Q OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, who  
2 are enrolled in programs leading to baccalaureate or higher degrees at a  
3 senior college of the city university to attend [one course] UP TO TWO  
4 COURSES PER SEMESTER OR QUARTER without tuition, provided that such  
5 [course is related to their employment as police officers and that such]  
6 tuition-waived attendance does not deny course attendance at a senior  
7 college of the city university by an individual who is otherwise quali-  
8 fied under this section.

9 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that:

10 1. section one of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1,  
11 2018; and

12 2. the amendments to paragraph (c) of subdivision 7 of section 6206 of  
13 the education law made by section two of this act shall not affect the  
14 expiration and repeal of such paragraph and shall expire and be deemed  
15 repealed therewith.