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Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to disabled students
seeking to increase duration limits for student financial aid awards

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph g of subdivision 4 of section 661 of the educa-
2 tion law, as amended by section 1 of part Z of chapter 58 of the laws of
3 2011, is amended to read as follows:
4 g. For students who are disabled as defined by the Americans With
5 [Disability] DISABILITIES Act of 1990, 42 USC 12101, the full-time
6 attendance requirement is eliminated AND THE DURATION LIMIT, AS PROVIDED
7 IN SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN OF THIS ARTICLE, MAY BE INCREASED UP
8 TO A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX YEARS AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER.
9 Such disabled students may be in part-time attendance, as defined by the
10 commissioner in order to be eligible to receive payments from the presi-
11 dent. THE DISABLED STUDENT SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR A DURATION PERIOD
12 LONGER THAN ALLOWABLE BY LAW MUST DEMONSTRATE TO THE COMMISSIONER THAT
13 THEIR DISABILITY PREVENTED THE COMPLETION OF THE ENROLLED PROGRAM WITHIN
14 THE MAXIMUM AWARD PERIOD.
15 S 2. The commissioner of education shall have the authority to promul-
16 gate rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of
17 this act.
18 S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
19 have become a law.

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

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