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Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- recommitted 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 online programs and accelerated proficiency degree programs at the state university of New York

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph f-2 to read as follows:

F-2. (1) THE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL: (I) IDENTIFY BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE OFFERED AT REDUCED RATES BY REQUIRING FEWER CREDITS FOR COMPLETION AND BY BEING PROVIDED EXCLUSIVELY AS ON-LINE PROGRAMS; AND (II) DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR THE CREATION OF AN ACCELERATED PROFICIENCY DEGREE (APD) TO BE OFFERED AT FOUR STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK STATE OPERATED INSTITUTIONS TO BE CHOSEN BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS AND THE COLLEGE COUNCILS.

(2) APD PROGRAMS SHALL CONSIST OF CONCENTRATED COURSES OF STUDY THAT SHALL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THREE YEARS. APD PROGRAMS MAY ACCEPT AND MAY APPLY PREVIOUSLY EARNED CREDITS, EXPERIENCE CREDITS, MILITARY CREDITS, COMPETENCY BASED EDUCATION AS DEFINED BY FEDERAL REGULATION OR ANY OTHER CRITERIA THAT LEAD TO PROFICIENCY IN AN APD PROGRAM AREA TOWARD DEGREE COMPLETION.

(3) BEGINNING IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN--TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN, APD PROGRAMS SHALL BE OPEN TO ENROLLMENT.

(4) THE TOTAL COST OF TUITION AND FEES CHARGED TO THE STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN APD PROGRAM SHALL NOT EXCEED TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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