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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- 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 college credit for career and technical education studies

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. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW, RULE, OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL PASS A RESOLUTION BY JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BEGINNING IN THE TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN-TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN ACADEMIC YEAR, AN APPROVED STANDARD AMOUNT OF COURSE CREDIT FOR CERTIFIED CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDIES TAKEN DURING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA. SUCH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDIES SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO STUDIES IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY, AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS AND MARKETING, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS, OR OTHER RELATED VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL FIELDS. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL SPECIFY STANDARDIZED CREDIT OFFERINGS FOR ANY CHOSEN CAREER OR TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDIES, AND SHALL SPECIFY GENERAL CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY FOR AN APPLICANT TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR SUCH STUDIES. SUCH PLAN SHALL BE DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE, THE FACULTY COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, THE BOARD OF REGENTS, THE EDUCATION COMMISSIONER, THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ON AND AFTER THE APPROVAL OF SUCH PLAN, ALL COLLEGES SHALL OFFER COURSE CREDITS TO STUDENTS WHEN SUCH A STUDENT PROVIDES NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO DEMONSTRATE SUFFICIENT COMPLETION OF AN APPROVED CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSE IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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

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S 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6204-b to read as follows:

S 6204-B. COLLEGE CREDIT FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDIES. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BEGINNING IN THE TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN-TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN ACADEMIC YEAR AN APPROVED STANDARD AMOUNT OF COURSE CREDIT FOR CERTIFIED CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDIES TAKEN DURING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA. SUCH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDIES SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO STUDIES IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY, AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS AND MARKETING, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS, OR OTHER RELATED VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL FIELDS. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CONSULT WITH THE PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER TO PROVIDE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDIES CREDIT AND SHALL, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, ENACT A PLAN AS UNIFORM TO THE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS POSSIBLE. ON AND AFTER THE APPROVAL OF SUCH PLAN, ALL COLLEGES SHALL OFFER COURSE CREDITS TO STUDENTS WHEN SUCH A STUDENT PROVIDES NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO DEMONSTRATE SUFFICIENT COMPLETION OF AN APPROVED CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSE IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.