STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 17, 2017

Introduced by Sen. BRESLIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to tuition benefits for members of the New York state organized militia

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 2 of section 669-b of the education law, as added by chapter 268 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

c. The term "tuition" shall mean the total semester, quarter, or classroom hour cost of instruction to the student as periodically published in the catalogue of the institution, specifically excluding mandatory fees, book charges, and room and board**, except that tuition for independent study programs offered by Excelsior College and approved by the regents of The University of the State of New York shall be construed as including charges for enrollment, examinations, and advisement and enrollment services**.

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 669-b of the education law, as added by chapter 268 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general, special, or local law, rule, or regulation, any active member who has successfully completed advanced individual training or commissioning and other requirements of the division of military and naval affairs for tuition benefit eligibility shall be entitled to the tuition benefit provided by this section upon his or her enrollment in a degree producing curriculum in any institution**, or, in the case of an independent study program approved by the regents of The University of the State of New York, enrollment in Excelsior College for the purpose of earning credit for independent study toward a degree offered by the institution**.

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

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§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the amendments to section 669-b of the education law made by sections one and two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed to be repealed therewith.