STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 3, 2017

Introduced by Sens. DIAZ, DILAN -- 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 prohibiting the deferral of awards granted under the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

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

Section 1. Section 667 of the education law is amended by adding a new 2 subdivision 4 to read as follows:

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4. Deferral of tuition assistance program awards prohibited. Under no 4 circumstances shall an award granted under the tuition assistance 5 program (TAP) pursuant to this section be deferred until the student 6 recipient graduates from his or her course of study. The president shall pay a tuition assistance program award to the student recipient in a reasonable timeframe in order to ensure the student recipient is able to apply the award toward his or her tuition bill on time. No tuition 10 assistance program award shall be made contingent upon the student's 11 graduation from his or her undergraduate or graduate course of study.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to 12 13 academic quarters and semesters beginning on or after August 1, 2018.

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

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