STATE OF NEW YORK

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to student financial aid programs

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

Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 605 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph g to read as follows:

g. A period of leave without pay, or other periods which an eligible applicant is not in a pay status shall not count toward the completion of the required service period reemployment. The service completion date shall be extended by the total time spent in non-pay status. However, absence because of uniformed service with a recognized branch of the United States military, authorized maternity/paternity, FMLA, or due to compensable injury shall be considered creditable, within the sole discretion of the president, toward the required service period of reemployment.

§ 2. Subpart 4 of part 2 of article 14 of the education law is amended by adding a new section 679-k to read as follows:

§ 679-k. Loan forgiveness eligibility. For all loan forgiveness programs referenced in this subpart, a period of leave without pay, or other periods which an eligible applicant is not in a pay status shall not count toward the completion of the required service period reemployment. The service completion date shall be extended by the total time spent in non-pay status. However, absence because of uniformed service with a recognized branch of the United States military, authorized maternity/paternity, FMLA, or due to compensable injury shall be considered creditable, within the sole discretion of the president, toward the required service period of reemployment.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after January 1, 2010.

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

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