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Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, GOUNARDES, KRUEGER -- 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 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to allowing for students in postsecondary education experience or transition program to receive awards from the tuition assistance program

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

1 Section 1. Section 602 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 5 to read as follows:

3 5. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations allowing
4 for students enrolled in an approved postsecondary education experience
5 or transition program to receive financial assistance from the tuition
6 assistance program.

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

9 4. Postsecondary education experience or transition programs. a.
10 Notwithstanding subdivisions one, two and three of this section, the
11 president shall make awards to students with intellectual disabilities
12 in approved postsecondary education experience or transition programs in
13 the same manner as students enrolled in an approved program at a
14 degree-granting institution including the same income limits and awards
15 for each year.

16 b. An approved postsecondary education experience or transition
17 program shall:

18 (i) serve students with intellectual disabilities;

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

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1 (ii) provide individual supports and services for the academic and
2 social inclusion of students with intellectual disabilities in academic
3 courses, extracurricular activities, and other aspects of the institu-
4 tion of higher education's regular postsecondary program;

5 (iii) provide a focus on:

6 (A) academic enrichment;

7 (B) socialization;

8 (C) independent living skills, including self-advocacy skills; and

9 (D) integrated work experiences and career skills that lead to gainful
10 employment;

11 (iv) integrate person-centered planning in the development of the
12 course of study for each student with an intellectual disability;

13 (v) create and offer a meaningful credential for students with intel-
14 lectual disabilities upon the completion of the postsecondary education
15 experience or transition program; and

16 (vi) be a federally approved comprehensive training and postsecondary
17 program.

18 c. For the purposes of this subdivision, "students with intellectual
19 disabilities" shall mean a student with an impairment of general intel-
20 lectual functioning or adaptive behavior which constitutes a substantial
21 handicap to the student's ability to function normally in society and
22 which has originated at any point in the student's life.

23 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.