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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to TAP awards

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 667 of the education law,
2 subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 622 of the laws of 2008 and subdivi-
3 sion 2 as amended by chapter 376 of the laws of 2019, are amended to
4 read as follows:

5 1. Recipient qualifications. Tuition assistance program awards are
6 available for all students who are enrolled in approved programs and who
7 demonstrate the ability to complete such courses, in accordance with
8 standards established by the commissioner provided, however, that no
9 award shall be made unless tuition (exclusive of educational fees) and,
10 if applicable, the college fee levied by the state university of New
11 York pursuant to the April first, nineteen hundred sixty-four financing
12 agreements with the New York state dormitory authority charged for the
13 program in which the student is enrolled total at least two hundred
14 dollars a year, and provided further that, no award can exceed one
15 hundred percent of the amount of tuition charged. Nothing in this
16 section, section six hundred sixty-one of this part, or any other
17 provision of this chapter shall be read to exclude any graduate program
18 from classification by the commissioner as an approved program for the
19 purposes of this section.

20 2. Duration. No undergraduate shall be eligible for more than four
21 academic years of study, or five academic years if the program of study
22 normally requires five years. Students enrolled in a program of remedial
23 study, approved by the commissioner in an institution of higher educa-
24 tion and intended to culminate in a degree in undergraduate study shall,
25 for purposes of this section, be considered as enrolled in a program of
26 study normally requiring five years. An undergraduate student enrolled

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

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1 in an eligible two year program of study approved by the commissioner
2 shall be eligible for no more than three academic years of study. No
3 graduate student shall be eligible for more than four academic years of
4 study provided, however, that no graduate student shall be eligible for
5 more than one degree program at the master's, first professional or
6 doctorate level. No student shall be eligible for a total of more than
7 the equivalent of eight years of combined undergraduate and graduate
8 study. An undergraduate student enrolled in an approved two or four-year
9 program of study approved by the commissioner who must transfer to
10 another institution as a result of permanent college closure shall be
11 eligible for up to two additional semesters, or their equivalent, to the
12 extent credits necessary to complete his or her program of study were
13 deemed non-transferable from the closed institution or were deemed not
14 applicable to such student's program of study by the new institution.
15 Any semester, quarter, or term of attendance during which a student
16 receives any award under this article, after the effective date of the
17 former scholar incentive program and prior to academic year nineteen
18 hundred eighty-nine--nineteen hundred ninety, shall be counted toward
19 the maximum term of eligibility for tuition assistance under this
20 section, except that any semester, quarter or term of attendance during
21 which a student received an award pursuant to section six hundred
22 sixty-six of this subpart shall be counted as one-half of a semester,
23 quarter or term, as the case may be, toward the maximum term of eligi-
24 bility under this section. Any semester, quarter or term of attendance
25 during which a student received an award pursuant to section six hundred
26 sixty-seven-a of this subpart shall not be counted toward the maximum
27 term of eligibility under this section.

28 § 2. Subitem (c) of item 1 of clause (A) of subparagraph (i) of para-
29 graph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 667 of the education law, as
30 amended by section 1 of part U of chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 (c) For students first receiving aid in two thousand--two thousand one
33 and thereafter, five thousand dollars, except starting in two thousand
34 fourteen-two thousand fifteen and thereafter such students shall receive
35 five thousand one hundred sixty-five dollars, except starting in two
36 thousand twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two and thereafter such
37 students shall receive five thousand six hundred sixty-five dollars,
38 except starting in two thousand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three
39 and thereafter such students shall receive six thousand sixty-eight
40 dollars, except starting in two thousand twenty-three--two thousand
41 twenty-four and thereafter such students shall receive six thousand four
42 hundred seventy dollars; or

43 § 3. Subitem (a) of item 2 of clause (A) of subparagraph (i) of para-
44 graph a of subdivision 3 of section 667 of the education law, as amended
45 by section 2 of part H of chapter 58 of the laws of 2011, is amended to
46 read as follows:

47 (a) For students first receiving aid in nineteen hundred ninety-four
48 --nineteen hundred ninety-five and nineteen hundred ninety-five--nine-
49 teen hundred ninety-six and thereafter, three thousand five hundred
50 twenty-five dollars, or

51 § 4. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 667
52 of the education law is amended by adding a new closing paragraph to
53 read as follows:

54 Provided, however, starting in two thousand twenty-one--two thousand
55 twenty-two and thereafter the amount of income shall be eighteen thou-
56 sand dollars or more, but no more than one hundred thousand dollars.

1 Provided, however, starting in two thousand twenty-two--two thousand
2 twenty-three and thereafter the amount of income shall be eighteen thou-
3 sand dollars or more, but no more than one hundred ten thousand dollars.
4 Provided, however, starting in two thousand twenty-three--two thousand
5 twenty-four and thereafter the amount of income shall be eighteen thou-
6 sand dollars or more, but no more than one hundred twenty-five thousand
7 dollars.

8 § 4-a. Subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section
 9 667 of the education law, as amended by section 1 of part B of chapter
 10 60 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

11 (vi) For the two thousand two--two thousand three academic year and
 12 thereafter, the award shall be the net amount of the base amount deter-
 13 mined pursuant to subparagraph (i) of this paragraph reduced pursuant to
 14 subparagraph (ii) or (iii) of this paragraph but the award shall not be
 15 reduced below [~~five hundred~~] one thousand dollars.

16 § 5. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 667
 17 of the education law is amended by adding a new closing paragraph to
 18 read as follows:

19 Provided, however, starting in two thousand twenty-one--two thousand
 20 twenty-two and thereafter the amount of income shall be eighteen thou-
 21 sand dollars or more, but no more than one hundred thousand dollars.
 22 Provided, however, starting in two thousand twenty-two--two thousand
 23 twenty-three and thereafter the amount of income shall be eighteen thou-
 24 sand dollars or more, but no more than one hundred ten thousand dollars.
 25 Provided, however, starting in two thousand twenty-three--two thousand
 26 twenty-four and thereafter the amount of income shall be eighteen thou-
 27 sand dollars or more, but no more than one hundred twenty-five thousand
 28 dollars.

29 § 6. Item 1 of clause (A) of paragraph (i) of paragraph b of subdivi-
 30 sion 3 of section 667 of the education law, as amended by chapter 309 of
 31 the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

32 (1) [~~eight hundred~~] one thousand three hundred dollars, or

33 § 7. Paragraph c of subdivision 3 of section 667 of the education law,
 34 as relettered by section 2 of part J of chapter 58 of the laws of 2011,
 35 is relettered paragraph d and new paragraph c is added to read as
 36 follows:

37 c. Amount. The president shall make awards to graduate students in the
 38 following amounts:

39 (i) for each year of graduate study, assistance shall be provided as
 40 computed on the basis of the amount which is the lesser of the follow-
 41 ing: (A) five hundred fifty dollars; or (B) ninety percent of the amount
 42 of tuition (exclusive of education fees) charged,

43 (ii) except for students as noted in subparagraph (iii) of this para-
 44 graph, the base amount as determined in subparagraph (i) of this para-
 45 graph, shall be reduced in relation to income as follows:

46 <u>Amount of income</u>	<u>Schedule of reduction of</u>
47	<u>base amount</u>
48 <u>(A) Less than two thousand dollars</u>	<u>None</u>
49 <u>(B) Two thousand dollars or more</u>	<u>Seven and seven-tenths per</u>
50 <u>but not more than twenty</u>	<u>centum of the excess over</u>
51 <u>thousand dollars</u>	<u>two thousand dollars</u>

52 (iii) For students who have been granted exclusion of parental income
 53 and were single with no dependents for income tax purposes during the
 54 tax year next preceding the academic year for which application is made,

1 the base amount as determined in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph,
2 shall be reduced in relation to income as follows:

<u>3 Amount of income</u>	<u>Schedule of reduction of base</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>amount</u>
<u>5 (A) Less than one thousand</u>	<u>None</u>
<u>6 dollars</u>	
<u>7 (B) One thousand dollars or</u>	<u>Twenty-six per centum of the</u>
<u>8 more, but not more than</u>	<u>excess over one thousand dollars</u>
<u>9 five thousand six</u>	
<u>10 hundred sixty-six dollars</u>	

11 (iv) If the amount of reduction is not a whole dollar, it shall be
12 reduced to the next lowest whole dollar.

13 (v) The award shall be the net amount of the base amount determined
14 pursuant to subparagraph (ii) or (iii) of this paragraph but the award
15 shall not be reduced below seventy-five dollars. If the income exceeds
16 the maximum amount of income allowable under subparagraph (ii) or (iii)
17 of this paragraph, no award shall be made.

18 § 8. Paragraph a, the opening paragraph of subparagraph 1 of paragraph
19 b and paragraph d of subdivision 3 of section 663 of the education law,
20 paragraph a as amended by section 4, the opening paragraph of subpara-
21 graph 1 of paragraph b as amended by section 5 and paragraph d as
22 amended by section 6 of part J of chapter 58 of the laws of 2011, are
23 amended to read as follows:

24 a. In determining the amount of an award for graduate and undergradu-
25 ate students, the income of the parents shall be excluded if the student
26 has been emancipated from his parents.

27 The applicant is a student who was married on or before December thir-
28 ty-first of the calendar year prior to the beginning of the academic
29 year for which application is made or is an undergraduate student who
30 has reached the age of twenty-two on or before June thirtieth prior to
31 the academic year for which application is made or is a graduate student
32 and who, during the calendar year next preceding the semester, quarter
33 or term of attendance for which application is made and at all times
34 subsequent thereto up to and including the entire period for which
35 application is made:

36 d. Any graduate or undergraduate student who was allowed to exclude
37 parental income pursuant to the provisions of former subdivision three
38 of section six hundred three of this chapter as they existed prior to
39 July first, nineteen hundred seventy-four may continue to exclude such
40 income for so long as he continues to comply with such provisions.

41 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately.