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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT requiring the state university of New York and the city university of New York to examine and conduct a study on the availability of campus services, programs and resources for veterans

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

Section 1. The board of trustees of the state university of New York shall examine and conduct a study on the availability of campus services, programs and resources for a veteran attending any college of the state university of New York as a student, which shall consider, but not be limited to the following:

(a) Existing services, programs, and resources offered by campus veterans services offices, which may include, but not be limited to academic, financial, and career advising services, as well as personal counseling services for such students;

(b) The number of veterans attending each college as students compared to the number of available full-time counselors and/or advisors employed at each college campus for such students; and

(c) Any recommendations, based on consultation with relevant stakeholders, on how to increase the availability of existing services, programs, and resources that may better facilitate the transition period for a veteran attending any college of the state university of New York as a student.

§ 2. The board of trustees of the city university of New York shall examine and conduct a study on the availability of campus services, programs and resources for a veteran attending any college of the city university of New York as a student, which shall consider, but not be limited to the following:

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

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(a) Existing services, programs, and resources offered by campus veterans services offices, which may include, but not be limited to academic, financial, and career advising services, as well as personal counseling services for such students;

(b) The number of veterans attending college as students compared to the number of available full-time counselors and/or advisors on staff at each college campus for such students; and

(c) Any recommendations, based on consultation with relevant stakeholders, on how to increase the availability of existing services, programs, and resources that may better facilitate the transition period for a veteran attending any college of the city university of New York as a student.

§ 3. The board of trustees of the state university of New York and the board of trustees of the city university of New York shall each submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the chairs of the higher education committees in the assembly and senate within one year of the effective date of this act.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.