STATE OF NEW YORK

IN ASSEMBLY

Introduced by M. of A. BRONSON, LUNSFORD -- 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:

1   Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 605 of the education law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph g to read as follows:
3   *g. A period of leave without pay, or other periods which an eligible*
4 *applicant is not in a pay status shall not count toward the completion*
5 *of the required service period reemployment. The service completion date*
6 *shall be extended by the total time spent in non-pay status. However,*
7 *absence because of uniformed service with a recognized branch of the*
8 *United States military, authorized maternity/paternity, FMLA, or due to*
9 *compensable injury shall be considered creditable, within the sole*
10 *discretion of the president, toward the required service period of reem-*
11 *ployment.*
12   § 2. Subpart 4 of part 2 of article 14 of the education law is amended
13 by adding a new section 679-k to read as follows:
14   *§ 679-k. Loan forgiveness eligibility. For all loan forgiveness*
15 *programs referenced in this subpart, a period of leave without pay, or*
16 *other periods which an eligible applicant is not in a pay status shall*
17 *not count toward the completion of the required service period reemploy-*
18 *ment. The service completion date shall be extended by the total time*
19 *spent in non-pay status. However, absence because of uniformed service*
20 *with a recognized branch of the United States military, authorized*
21 *maternity/paternity, FMLA, or due to compensable injury shall be consid-*
22 *ered creditable, within the sole discretion of the president, toward the*
23 *required service period of reemployment.*
24   § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
25 have been in full force and effect on and after January 1, 2010.