STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to expanding eligibility under the veterans tuition awards program

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 669-a of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph d-1 to read as follows:

d-1. "Veteran" means a person who: (i) is a resident of the state; (ii) served in the armed forces of the United States; (iii) was a resident of the state immediately prior to his or her entry into such armed forces; and (iv) received an honorable discharge from the branch of the armed forces of the United States in which they served.

§ 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 669-a of the education law, as amended by chapter 453 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. Tuition awards are available for all other eligible veterans, as defined in subdivision one of this section, **and veterans** who are enrolled, pursuant to paragraph a of subdivision four of section six hundred sixty-one of this part, in approved undergraduate or graduate programs at degree granting institutions or enrolled in approved vocational training programs and who apply for a tuition assistance program award, for up to the equivalent of eight full-time semesters, pursuant to section six hundred sixty-seven of this subpart.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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