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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 Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

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

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

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

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

19 § 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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