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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to reducing tuition rates for certain Olympic athletes

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

Section 1. Paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 11 to read as follows:

(11) Such regulations shall further provide that the payment of tuition and fees by any Team USA athlete training in the state shall be paid at a rate or charge no greater than that imposed for students who are residents of this state for as long as they remain members of Team USA, or for the first four years of their education, whichever is shorter. For purposes of this section, "Team USA student athlete" means any student athlete who meets the eligibility standards defined and approved by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and by the national governing body for the sport in which the athlete competes.

§ 2. Subdivision 5 of section 5711 of the education law, as amended by chapter 270 of the laws of 1975, is amended to read as follows:

5. The tuition fees charged to students shall be regulated by Cornell university after consultation with the state university trustees [~~and all~~]**. Such regulations shall provide that the payment of tuition and fees by any Team USA student athlete, as defined in subparagraph eleven of paragraph (h) of subdivision two of section three hundred fifty-five of this chapter, training in the state shall be paid at a rate or charge no greater than that imposed for students who are residents of this state for as long as they remain members of Team USA, or for the first four years of their education, whichever is shorter. All** other fees and charges in said college of veterinary medicine shall be fixed by Cornell

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

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university, and the moneys so received shall be expended for the current expenses of the said college of veterinary medicine.

§ 3. Subdivision 5 of section 5712 of the education law, as amended by chapter 833 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

5. The tuition fees charged to students shall be regulated by Cornell university after prior consultation with the state university trustees [~~and all~~]**. Such regulations shall provide that the payment of tuition and fees by any Team USA student, as defined in subparagraph eleven of paragraph (h) of subdivision two of section three hundred fifty-five of this chapter, training in the state shall be paid at a rate or charge no greater than that imposed for students who are residents of this state for as long as they remain members of Team USA, or for the first four years of their education, whichever is shorter. All** other fees and charges in said college of agriculture and life sciences shall be fixed by Cornell university, and the moneys received from these sources and from the sales of products shall be credited to a separate fund and shall be used for the current expenses of the said college of agriculture and life sciences.

§ 4. Subdivision 6 of section 5714 of the education law, as amended by chapter 265 of the laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

6. The tuition fees charged to students shall be regulated by Cornell university after prior consultation with the state university trustees [~~and all~~]**. Such regulations shall provide that the payment of tuition and fees by any Team USA student athlete, as defined in subparagraph eleven of paragraph (h) of subdivision two of section three hundred fifty-five of this chapter, training in the state shall be paid at a rate or charge no greater than that imposed for students who are residents of this state for as long as they remain members of Team USA, or for the first four years of their education, whichever is shorter. All** other fees and charges in said college of human ecology shall be fixed by Cornell university, and the moneys received from these sources and from the sales of products shall be credited to a separate fund and shall be used for the expenses of said college of human ecology in such ways as the trustees of said university may determine.

§ 5. Paragraph b of subdivision 6 of section 5715 of the education law, as amended by chapter 389 of the laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

b. The tuition fees charged to students shall be regulated by Cornell university after prior consultation with the state university trustees [~~and all~~]**. Such regulations shall provide that the payment of tuition and fees by any Team USA student athlete, as defined in subparagraph eleven of paragraph (h) of subdivision two of section three hundred fifty-five of this chapter, training in the state shall be paid at a rate or charge no greater than that imposed for students who are residents of this state for as long as they remain members of Team USA, or for the first four years of their education, whichever is shorter. All** other fees and charges in such school shall be fixed by Cornell university.

§ 6. Section 6007 of the education law, as amended by chapter 389 of the laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

§ 6007. Tuition; disposition of fees and income. The state university trustees shall regulate tuition fees and other fees and charges to be paid by students after prior consultation with the board of trustees of the college. **Such regulations shall provide that the payment of tuition and fees by any Team USA student athlete, as defined in subparagraph eleven of paragraph (h) of subdivision two of section three hundred**

fifty-five of this chapter, training in the state shall be paid at a rate or charge no greater than that imposed for students who are residents of this state for as long as they remain members of Team USA, or for the first four years of their education, whichever is shorter. All moneys received for tuition from students, those derived from the sale of the products of property belonging to the state administered by the college, and from fees and charges or any other sources in the course of the administration of the college, notwithstanding the provisions of section one hundred twenty-one of the state finance law, shall be credited to a separate fund and shall be expended as provided by subdivision four of section three hundred fifty-five of this chapter.

§ 7. Section 6102 of the education law, as amended by chapter 389 of the laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

§ 6102. Administration. Such college shall continue to be administered, as to the establishment of courses of study, the creation of departments and positions, the determination of the number and salaries of members of the faculty and other employees, the apportionment and employment thereof, the maintenance of discipline and as to all matters pertaining to its educational policies, activities and operations, including research work, by Alfred university, as the representative of the state university trustees. All property and equipment acquired for the use of such college shall be the property of the state. Alfred university shall regulate tuition fees at such college after prior consultation with the state university trustees. Such regulations shall provide that the payment of tuition and fees by any Team USA student athlete, as defined in subparagraph eleven of paragraph (h) of subdivision two of section three hundred fifty-five of this chapter, training in the state shall be paid at a rate or charge no greater than that imposed for students who are residents of this state for as long as they remain members of Team USA, or for the first four years of their education, whichever is shorter. As the representative of the state university trustees, Alfred university shall also fix the other fees and charges to be paid by the students of the college.

All moneys received for tuition from students, those derived from the sale of products of property belonging to the state administered by the college, and from fees and charges, or any other sources in the course of the administration of the college, notwithstanding the provisions of section one hundred twenty-one of the state finance law, shall be credited to a separate fund and shall be expended for the current expenses of such college and for its benefits in such way as Alfred university, as the representative of the state university trustees, may determine. The amounts so received and expended shall be reported annually to the state comptroller.

§ 8. Subdivision 7 of section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

(g) The trustees shall further provide that the payment of tuition and fees by any Team USA student athlete, as defined in subparagraph eleven of paragraph (h) of subdivision two of section three hundred fifty-five of this chapter, training in the state shall be paid at a rate or charge no greater than that imposed for students who are residents of this state for as long as they remain members of Team USA, or for the first four years of their education, whichever is shorter.

§ 9. Paragraph (iii) of subdivision 5 of section 6301 of the education law, as amended by chapter 327 of the laws of 2002, is amended and a new paragraph (iv) is added to read as follows:

(iii) was enrolled in an institution or educational unit of the state university in the fall semester or quarter of the two thousand one--two thousand two academic year and was authorized by such institution or educational unit to pay tuition at the rate or charge imposed for students who are residents of the state[~~.~~]**; or**

(iv) is a Team USA student athlete, as defined in subparagraph eleven of paragraph (h) of subdivision two of section three hundred fifty-five of this chapter, in the first four years of their education.

§ 10. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.