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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HYNDMAN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SEAWRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to graduate tuition assistance program awards

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 661 of the education law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph d to read as follows:

3 d. No provision of this article shall be deemed to restrict eligible  
4 graduate students from receiving awards pursuant to section six hundred  
5 sixty-seven-b of this part.

6 § 2. The opening paragraph of subparagraph 1 of paragraph b of subdivi-  
7 sion 3 of section 663 of the education law, as amended by section 5 of  
8 part J of chapter 58 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

9 The applicant is a student who was married on or before December thirti-  
10 ty-first of the calendar year prior to the beginning of the academic  
11 year for which application is made or is an undergraduate or graduate  
12 student who has reached the age of twenty-two on or before June thirti-  
13 eth prior to the academic year for which application is made and who,  
14 during the calendar year next preceding the semester, quarter or term of  
15 attendance for which application is made and at all times subsequent  
16 thereto up to and including the entire period for which application is  
17 made:

18 § 3. Paragraph d of subdivision 3 of section 663 of the education law,  
19 as amended by section 6 of part J of chapter 58 of the laws of 2011, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 d. Any undergraduate or graduate student who was allowed to exclude  
22 parental income pursuant to the provisions of subdivision three of  
23 section six hundred three of this chapter as they existed prior to July  
24 first, nineteen hundred seventy-four may continue to exclude such income

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

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1 for so long as [~~he~~] such undergraduate or graduate student continues to  
2 comply with such provisions.

3 § 4. The education law is amended by adding a new section 667-b to  
4 read as follows:

5 § 667-b. Graduate tuition assistance program awards. 1. Recipient  
6 qualifications. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation  
7 to the contrary, graduate tuition assistance program awards shall be  
8 available for all students who are enrolled in approved post-baccalau-  
9 reate programs leading to a graduate, first professional, or doctoral  
10 degree in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, education or a  
11 licensed healthcare profession, and who demonstrate the ability to  
12 complete such courses, in accordance with standards established by the  
13 commissioner, provided, however, that no award shall exceed one hundred  
14 percent of the amount of tuition charged.

15 2. Duration. No graduate student shall be eligible for awards for more  
16 than two years of post-baccalaureate studies. A student may not receive  
17 awards under this section at the same time they receive awards under  
18 section six hundred sixty-seven of this subpart, nor while they are  
19 enrolled as an undergraduate student.

20 3. Graduate tuition assistance awards. The president shall make awards  
21 to graduate students enrolled in approved programs at degree granting  
22 institutions in the following amounts:

23 (a) for each year of graduate studies, an eligible graduate student  
24 may receive up to five thousand six hundred sixty-five dollars or the  
25 cost of their tuition, whichever is less; and

26 (b) the base amount as determined under paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
27 sion shall be reduced in relation to income as follows:

<u>Amount of income</u>	<u>Schedule of reduction of base amount</u>
<u>(i) Less than seven thousand dollars</u>	<u>None</u>
<u>(ii) Seven thousand dollars or more, but less than eleven thousand dollars</u>	<u>Seven per centum of excess over seven thousand dollars</u>
<u>(iii) Eleven thousand dollars or more, but less than eighteen thousand dollars</u>	<u>Two hundred eighty dollars plus ten per centum of excess over eleven thousand dollars</u>
<u>(iv) Eighteen thousand dollars or more, but not more than eighty thousand dollars</u>	<u>Nine hundred eighty dollars plus twelve per centum of excess over eighteen thousand dollars.</u>

42 (c) if the amount of reduction is not a whole dollar, it shall be  
43 reduced to the next lowest whole dollar; and

44 (d) the minimum award pursuant to this section shall be one thousand  
45 dollars.

46 4. Restrictions. In no event shall any award:

47 (a) exceed the amount of annual tuition charged to such student after  
48 federal, state, or other education aid is received or receivable by such  
49 student during the school year for which such award is applicable, that  
50 in the judgement of the president would duplicate the purposes of this  
51 award. The president shall promulgate rules and regulations to distin-  
52 guish between duplicative aid, and non-duplicative aid such as research  
53 and fellowship funding;

1 (b) be made when income exceeds the maximum income set forth in this  
2 section; or  
3 (c) be made for less than one thousand dollars, except where such  
4 award is reduced pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

5 § 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
6 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
7 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
8 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
9 on or before such effective date.