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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to academic credit for veterans

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "veterans' education through SUNY credits act".

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6355 to read as follows:

§ 6355. Expanding veterans' educational opportunities act. 1. For the purposes of this section, "veteran" shall mean a person who served in the uniformed services and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

2. The state university of New York's board of trustees shall adopt a policy requiring each state university of New York and city university of New York, including colleges and community colleges, to award academic credit to a student, who is also a veteran, enrolled in the university, for courses that were part of the student's military training or service and that meet the standards of the American Council on Education or equivalent standards for awarding the academic credit, if the award of academic credit is based upon the university's admission standards. Each university shall adopt the necessary rules, regulations, and procedures to implement the provisions of this section.

3. No fee, tuition or other charge shall be assessed against a veteran who qualifies for such credit pursuant to this section.

§ 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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