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Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT authorizing colleges and universities to offer additional programs and degrees

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, a college, as defined by section 2 of the education law may offer or institute an additional program or degree if that college (1) has maintained a physical presence and operated continuously in the state for the immediately preceding 10 years and (2) is accredited without sanction by Middle States Commission on Higher Education or the New York state board of regents. Any such college that does not satisfy all of the provisions of this section shall comply with the procedures and criteria established by the board of regents.

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

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

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