



MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

S.6480 (Ritchie) / A.9234 (DenDekker)

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to granting academic credit at state operated institutions of the state university of New York and the senior colleges of the city university of New York to veterans, members of the military, and reservists

The Capital Region Chamber, representing 2,800 businesses and organizations from throughout the Capital Region that employ more than 150,000 area residents, supports S.6480/A.9234 which would permit the granting of academic credit at state operated institutions to veterans, members of the military, and reservists.

The Chamber agrees with the bill sponsors' statement that "whether it is on the battlefield, through training, or through on the job experience, military service members receive an invaluable education every day of their service. Based on these military experiences and training, service members should have college credit recommendations apply toward a degree requirement or program of study."

The Chamber strongly advocates that no veteran or military personnel should have their military training and experiences denied for course credit. Our veterans and military personnel have sacrificed greatly in order to protect our state and nation. The Chamber believes that this legislation is the right thing to do for our military who have served and continue to serve our country, state and local communities.

For these stated reasons, the Capital Region Chamber recommends the passage of this legislation.

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