

STATE OF NEW YORK

3396

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 27, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring SUNY and CUNY institutions to award course credit to students who serve as election inspectors, poll clerks or election coordinators

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

1 Section 1. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 22 to read as follows:

3 22. The state university trustees shall, in consultation with the
4 state board of elections and the New York city board of elections, adopt
5 a policy requiring that each institution of the state university of New
6 York grant course credit to each student enrolled in such institution
7 for such student's service as an election inspector, poll clerk, or
8 election coordinator pursuant to title four of article three of the
9 election law. Such policy shall, at a minimum, require each institution
10 to coordinate with appropriate county boards of elections and the New
11 York city board of elections to establish verification procedures for
12 students claiming credit under this subdivision, including the provision
13 by the appropriate board of elections to the institution of the certifi-
14 cate furnished to the board pursuant to subdivision three of section
15 3-420 of the election law, and such other proof as the state university
16 trustees, in consultation with the state board of elections and the New
17 York city board of elections, shall deem appropriate.

18 § 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new
19 subdivision 24 to read as follows:

20 24. The board of trustees shall, in consultation with the state board
21 of elections and the New York city board of elections, adopt a policy
22 requiring that each institution of the city university of New York grant
23 course credit to each student enrolled in such institution for such
24 student's service as an election inspector, poll clerk, or election

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

LBD07245-01-5

1 coordinator pursuant to title four of article three of the election law.
2 Such policy shall, at a minimum, require each institution to coordinate
3 with the appropriate county boards of elections and the New York city
4 board of elections to establish verification procedures for students
5 claiming credit under this subdivision, including the provision by the
6 appropriate board of elections to the institution of the certificate
7 furnished to the board pursuant to section 3-420 of the election law,
8 and such other proof as the board of trustees, in consultation with the
9 state board of elections and the New York city board of elections, shall
10 deem appropriate.

11 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.