STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 8, 2026

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to technical assistance provided to municipalities related to college and university closures; and to repeal section 153 of the executive law, in relation thereto

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

Section 1. Section 153 of the executive law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the executive law relating to providing technical assistance to any municipality that has had a college or university close within such municipality, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1525 and A. 2007, is REPEALED.

§ 2. The economic development law is amended by adding a new section 12 to read as follows:

§ 12. Technical assistance to municipalities related to college and university closures. The department shall provide to any municipality, upon request, technical assistance in the event of a college or university closing in such municipality, on topics including but not limited to:

1. workforce transition and development;

2. attracting new employers and economic opportunities;

3. developing plans for the land and buildings formerly occupied by such college or university; and

4. recommendations and planning assistance for dealing with creditors and other entities having a financial interest in such college or university's assets located in such municipality, provided, however, that the state shall not become a party to any legal proceedings pursuant to this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the executive law relating to providing technical assistance to any municipality that has had a college or university close within such municipality, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1525 and A. 2007, takes effect.

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

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