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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to efforts to reduce duplication of academic degree programs within the state university

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 359 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. THE TRUSTEES SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE DUPLICATION OF ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS. SUCH PROCESS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE PROMULGATION OF CRITERIA TO DETERMINE WHICH PROGRAMS SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR CONSOLIDATION, RECOGNITION OF THE EFFECT OF ELIMINATION OR CONSOLIDATION ON ACCESS TO SUCH DEGREE PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, CONSIDERATION OF THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS OF ANY SUCH ELIMINATION OR CONSOLIDATION, CONSIDERATION OF THE RIGHTS UNDER ARTICLE FOURTEEN OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW OF MEMBERS OF CERTIFIED BARGAINING UNITS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY, AND A PROCESS BY WHICH PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE HELD BEFORE ELIMINATION OR CONSOLIDATION OF ANY DEGREE PROGRAM.

S 2. This act shall take effect one year after 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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