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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the community college funding study

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

Section 1. Section 6304 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 14 to read as follows:

14. Community college funding study. a. (i) The state university trustees shall require each community college president in the state university system to establish an internal committee that shall be directed to study the effectiveness of the current full time equivalent (FTE) funding formula and alternatives based on funding by academic program that takes into account the specific mission, needs, geographic location and uniqueness of such community college.

(ii) The internal committee established by each such community college president shall consult with the state university board of trustees and provide information that may be requested to such trustees to aid in the creation of recommendations required pursuant to this subdivision, and shall consult with representatives from the employee collective bargaining organization that represents faculty, higher education professionals and the regional state university of New York community college council in such region, if applicable.

(iii) Each internal committee shall consider:

(A) the effect of the current FTE funding model on overall funding for the community college and alternatives to such model;

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

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(B) the creation of new academic programs that may be beneficial in supporting regional business and industry workforce needs;

(C) duplication of academic degree programs in such community college's region; and

(D) any other issues the internal committee deems necessary.

(iv) Each internal committee shall report recommendations to the state university system's board of trustees on December first, two thousand seventeen, and the state university board of trustees shall report recommendations to the chairs of the senate and assembly higher education committees by January first, two thousand eighteen provided however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to require a change in state support.

b. (i) The city university trustees shall establish an internal committee that shall be directed to study the effectiveness of the current full time equivalent (FTE) funding formula in use at its community colleges and alternatives based on funding by academic program. The internal committee shall include representatives of the community colleges.

(ii) This internal committee shall consult with the city university board of trustees and provide information that may be requested by such trustees to aid in the creation of recommendations required pursuant to this subdivision, and shall consult with representatives from the employee collective bargaining organization that represents faculty and higher education professionals.

(iii) The internal committee shall consider:

(A) the effect of the current FTE funding model on overall funding for the community colleges and alternatives to such model;

(B) the creation of new academic programs that may be beneficial in supporting local businesses and industry workforce needs;

(C) duplication of academic degree programs in the city; and

(D) any other issues the internal committee deems necessary.

(iv) The internal committee shall report recommendations to the city university's board of trustees on December first, two thousand seventeen, and the city university board of trustees shall report recommendations to the chairs of the senate and assembly higher education committees by January first, two thousand eighteen, provided however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to require a change in state support.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.