

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 creating the State University of New York Teachers' College

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

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new article 116 to
2 read as follows:

ARTICLE 116

UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Section 5800. College created.

5801. Objects and purposes.

5802. Advisory board; appointment; power and duties.

5803. Property to belong to state.

5804. Tuition and fees; conditions.

5805. Conditions of matriculation.

5806. Debt transition.

12 § 5800. College created. The University of the State of New York
13 Teachers' College is hereby created, and shall be established in Albany,
14 New York. The college shall be subject to the supervision of the state
15 university trustees.

16 § 5801. Objects and purposes. The college shall have as its objects
17 and purposes:

18 1. Teaching in the art and practice of the teaching science in its
19 various capacities including the cultivation of the arts, literature,
20 and the various sciences; early childhood education; elementary educa-
21 tion; secondary education; language training; special needs education;
22 lesson creation; classroom management; classroom technology implementa-
23 tion and use; exam creation and grading; curricula management and imple-
24 mentation; child development; adolescent development; and the subjects
25 deemed necessary by the board of regents for the education of state
26 public school students.

27 2. The conduct of research and experimentation in modern teaching
28 techniques.

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

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1 3. The instruction of students in the ways and methods of culturally
2 and socially sensitive teaching, as to encourage the dissemination of
3 this sensitivity into schools and create school environments where all
4 students are welcome.

5 4. The training of all its matriculates in the teaching of special
6 needs students, through curricula developed and approved by the office
7 of special education.

8 5. The training of all willing matriculates in prominent languages of
9 the state, including but not necessarily limited to, English and Span-
10 ish, and the methods and practices of bilingual education.

11 6. The creation and establishment of teacher residency programs in
12 various public schools across the state, for the purpose of providing
13 in-classroom training for the college's graduate level students.

14 7. The liberal and comprehensive training and education of teachers,
15 and to progress the teaching profession in all its forms.

16 § 5802. Advisory board; appointment; power and duties. An advisory
17 board shall be created and consist of eleven members: two appointed by
18 the commissioner, two by the board of regents, two by the faculty and/or
19 professional staff from New York state universities who are to be chosen
20 from New York state universities with exemplary education training
21 programs, two from among the college's faculty to be chosen by a vote of
22 the matriculates, and three are to be chosen from among willing state
23 public school teachers by a joint legislative committee on higher educa-
24 tion. The members appointed shall serve three-year terms when appointed
25 in odd-numbered years, and two-year terms when appointed in even-num-
26 bered years. Advisory board members may be removed by a two-thirds vote
27 of all other advisory board members, or by a two-thirds vote of the
28 senate. Vacancies occurring on the advisory board for any reason shall
29 be filled by the authority vested with the power to make the original
30 appointment. The advisory board shall, from among its members, appoint a
31 chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary. The members of the advisory
32 board will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred
33 through the discharge of their advisory duties, but shall not otherwise
34 be compensated. The advisory board shall meet at least four times each
35 year, for the purpose of governing the operation of the college, revis-
36 ing its goals, and establishing its plans for achieving those goals.
37 The advisory board, less the matriculate-appointed members, shall after
38 study and consultation of appropriate authorities, submit to the commis-
39 sioner, board of regents, the governor, the temporary president of the
40 senate and the speaker of the assembly, its official recommendation for
41 the organization, structure, administration, operation and activities of
42 the college. Such report shall be completed on or before January first,
43 two thousand twenty. Subsequent reports by the full advisory board will
44 be completed and submitted in the same fashion every five years. The
45 advisory board shall also, with the department, publish an annual report
46 of the state of the teaching profession in the state, including, but not
47 limited to: teacher shortages, vacancies in individual districts,
48 legislation that has passed in the senate and/or assembly which affects
49 the teaching profession, implications of the state budget on schools and
50 the teaching profession, and regional data on teacher pay.

51 § 5803. Property to belong to state. All real property acquired via
52 state-appropriated monies shall be and remain the property of the state.
53 If the property is purchased, the title thereto shall be conveyed to the
54 people of the state, the sufficiency of such conveyance being subject to
55 approval by the attorney general.

1 § 5804. Tuition and fees; conditions. Through appropriations of the
2 state, the college will not collect or solicit tuition or fees from its
3 matriculates for tuition, board in college-owned housing, or course
4 enrollment. The college may charge and collect fees for health services,
5 extracurricular student activities, dining, and any other fees of nomi-
6 nal relative value, if so approved by a unanimous vote of its advisory
7 board.

8 § 5805. Conditions of matriculation. Students who satisfactorily
9 complete the prescribed undergraduate and graduate education provided by
10 the college will be required to teach at a state public school for a
11 continuous five-year period within ten years of receiving his or her
12 degree through the college. State public schools with unreached teacher
13 capacity and public schools with high percentages of high-need or low-
14 income students will be given preference in the placement of successful
15 college graduates. This service shall be considered full repayment of
16 the costs incurred by the student's education at the college. Students
17 who do not satisfactorily complete the college's program of teaching and
18 education will be required to repay a loan amount to the state equal to
19 the amount incurred through their education at the college.

20 § 5806. Debt transition. As under the provisions of part two of arti-
21 cle fourteen of this chapter, there shall be a loan forgiveness program
22 created and made available to all practicing teachers in the state, for
23 the purpose of mitigating the financial burden of obtaining a degree and
24 certification necessary to teach in the state. To be eligible for an
25 award, applicants shall have been certified and employed as a teacher in
26 the state, shall have incurred educational debt in the pursuit of such a
27 degree and certification, and shall have an outstanding student loan
28 debt. The amount of the award will be means-tested to the extent that
29 the commissioner deems necessary, and give preference to those appli-
30 cants whose cost of living accounts for more than one-third of their
31 annual teaching salary, and to those who are economically disadvantaged,
32 as defined by the commissioner. The state will count the total amount of
33 its awards as state-owned debt, or cancel such debt as is possible, and
34 make appropriations necessary in the following fiscal year to repay that
35 debt.

36 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.