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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

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

3 14. Community college funding study. a. (i) The state university trus-
4 tees shall require each community college president in the state univer-
5 sity system to establish an internal committee that shall be directed to
6 study the effectiveness of the current full time equivalent (FTE) fund-
7 ing formula and alternatives based on funding by academic program that
8 takes into account the specific mission, needs, geographic location and
9 uniqueness of such community college.

10 (ii) The internal committee established by each such community college
11 president shall consult with the state university board of trustees and
12 provide information that may be requested to such trustees to aid in the
13 creation of recommendations required pursuant to this subdivision, and
14 may consult with higher education professionals and the regional state
15 university of New York community college council in such region, if
16 applicable.

17 (iii) Each internal committee shall consider:

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

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

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

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

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

2 (iv) Each internal committee shall report recommendations to the state
3 university system's board of trustees on December first, two thousand
4 seventeen, and the state university board of trustees shall report
5 recommendations to the chairs of the senate and assembly higher educa-
6 tion committees by January first, two thousand eighteen provided howev-
7 er, that nothing in this section shall be construed to require a change
8 in state support.

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

15 (ii) This internal committee shall consult with the city university
16 board of trustees and provide information that may be requested by such
17 trustees to aid in the creation of recommendations required pursuant to
18 this subdivision, and may consult with higher education professionals.

19 (iii) The internal committee shall consider:

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

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

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

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

26 (iv) The internal committee shall report recommendations to the city
27 university's board of trustees on December first, two thousand seven-
28 teen, and the city university board of trustees shall report recommenda-
29 tions to the chairs of the senate and assembly higher education commit-
30 tees by January first, two thousand eighteen, provided however, that
31 nothing in this section shall be construed to require a change in state
32 support.

33 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.