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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON, WOERNER, LUPARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a young farmer apprentice program

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph gg of subdivision 4 of section 1950 of the education law, as amended by chapter 301 of the laws of 1996, is amended to
2 read as follows:

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4 gg. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board of cooperative educational services may provide training for employment to adults
5 on a space available basis, with consideration given to occupations and
6 industries in demand, and establish reduced adult tuition rates for such
7 training. For the purposes of this section, training for employment for
8 adults shall be offered through state approved sequences or parts thereof
9 of secondary career education instruction. Adults may participate in
10 such instruction and be awarded certificates of completion, but they may
11 not earn credit based on their participation towards a high school
12 diploma. Pursuant to section forty-six hundred two of this chapter, a
13 board of cooperative educational services may establish such reduced
14 rates for participation of adults provided that participation is limited
15 to assigned instructional staff and currently used facilities in scheduled
16 secondary career education programs, and provided further that such
17 rates may not be less than fifty percent of the tuition rates charged to
18 school districts for the participation of secondary students in the same
19 programs, unless waived by the commissioner based on application of the
20 board of cooperative educational services. This participation of adults
21 at reduced tuition rates shall be in accordance with terms agreed upon
22 by the board of cooperative educational services and the component
23 school districts receiving such services but in no case shall such rates
24 result in extraordinary costs assigned to such component school
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 districts. Boards of cooperative educational services which provide such
2 training to adults shall submit to the commissioner annually a report
3 which shall include but not be limited to the number of adults served,
4 referral source, training sequences or parts thereof taken by adult
5 participants, the tuition rates charged to them, and the gross revenues
6 realized therefrom. For the purpose of this paragraph, "adult" shall
7 mean any person under the age of twenty-one who has received a high
8 school diploma or any person twenty-one years of age or older, whether
9 or not they have received a high school diploma.

10 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to supervise, encour-
11 age and promote a young farmer apprentice program within New York state
12 and to establish suggested standards for apprenticeship agreements
13 between prospective young farmers and New York state agricultural enter-
14 prises.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.