

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 4, 2020

Introduced by Sen. LIU -- 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 directing the board of trustees of the state university of New York and the board of trustees of the city university of New York to freeze tuition at the rate of such tuition for the two thousand nineteen--two thousand twenty academic year

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 4 of paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section
2 355 of the education law, as amended by section 1 of part JJJ of chapter
3 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended by adding a new subparagraph (vii) to
4 read as follows:

5 (vii) Commencing with the two thousand twenty--two thousand twenty-one
6 academic year and thereafter, the board of trustees shall freeze the
7 amount of tuition per credit hour per academic year at the rate of such
8 tuition for the two thousand nineteen--two thousand twenty academic
9 year. This freeze shall apply to tuition for full-time and part-time
10 students and to tuition for New York residents, out-of-state residents
11 and on-line students.

12 § 2. Subparagraph 4 of paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section 355 of
13 the education law, as amended by chapter 437 of the laws of 2015, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (4) The trustees shall not impose a differential tuition charge based
16 upon need or income. All students enrolled in programs leading to like
17 degrees at state-operated institutions of the state university shall be
18 charged a uniform rate of tuition except for differential tuition rates
19 based on state residency. Provided, however, that the trustees may
20 authorize the presidents of the colleges of technology and the colleges
21 of agriculture and technology to set differing rates of tuition for each
22 of the colleges for students enrolled in degree-granting programs lead-
23 ing to an associate degree and non-degree granting programs so long as
24 such tuition rate does not exceed the tuition rate charged to students
25 who are enrolled in like degree programs or degree-granting undergradu-

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

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ate programs leading to a baccalaureate degree at other state-operated institutions of the state university of New York. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subparagraph, the trustees may authorize the setting of a separate category of tuition rate, that shall be greater than the tuition rate for resident students and less than the tuition rate for non-resident students, only for students enrolled in distance learning courses who are not residents of the state. ~~[The trustees shall not adopt changes affecting tuition charges prior to the enactment of the annual budget.]~~

Commencing with the two thousand twenty--two thousand twenty-one academic year and thereafter, the board of trustees shall freeze the amount of tuition per credit hour per academic year at the rate of such tuition for the two thousand nineteen--two thousand twenty academic year. This freeze shall apply to tuition for full-time and part-time students and to tuition for New York residents, out-of-state residents and on-line students.

§ 3. Paragraph a of subdivision 7 of section 6206 of the education law, as amended by section 2 of part JJJ of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended by adding a new subparagraph (vi) to read as follows:

(vi) Commencing with the two thousand twenty--two thousand twenty-one academic year and thereafter, the board of trustees shall freeze the amount of tuition per credit hour per academic year at the rate of such tuition for the two thousand nineteen--two thousand twenty academic year. This freeze shall apply to tuition for full-time and part-time students and to tuition for New York residents, out-of-state residents and on-line students.

§ 4. Paragraph a of subdivision 7 of section 6206 of the education law, as amended by chapter 327 of the laws of 2002, the opening paragraph as amended by chapter 437 of the laws of 2015, is amended by adding a new subparagraph (iv) to read as follows:

(iv) Commencing with the two thousand twenty--two thousand twenty-one academic year and thereafter, the board of trustees shall freeze the amount of tuition per credit hour per academic year at the rate of such tuition for the two thousand nineteen--two thousand twenty academic year. This freeze shall apply to tuition for full-time and part-time students and to tuition for New York residents, out-of-state residents and on-line students.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to academic years commencing on and after July 1, 2020; provided, however, that:

a. the amendments to subparagraph 4 of paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law made by section one of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to section 16 of chapter 260 of the laws of 2011, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect; and

b. the amendments to paragraph a of subdivision 7 of section 6206 of the education law made by section three of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to section 16 of chapter 260 of the laws of 2011, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section four of this act shall take effect.