

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 7, 2020

Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring at least a
ratio of one clinical, non-student mental health staff member per one
thousand students on all SUNY and CUNY campuses

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

1 Section 1. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 20 to read as follows:

3 20. Through on-campus capacity, each state college or university shall
4 have at least a ratio of one clinical, non-student mental health staff
5 member per one thousand students. Two years after the effective date of
6 this subdivision, and once every five years thereafter, each state
7 college and university shall establish a board of advisors and experts
8 and have such board update such ratio based on actual ratios in this
9 state and any new information related to appropriate benchmarks for
10 clinician-to-student ratios; provided, however, such updated ratio shall
11 be at least a ratio of one clinical, non-student mental health staff
12 member per one thousand students. This subdivision shall not be funded
13 by student fees created on or after the effective date of this subdivi-
14 sion. State colleges or universities may seek federal funding or private
15 grants, if available, to support the provisions of this subdivision.

16 § 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new
17 subdivision 20 to read as follows:

18 20. Through on-campus capacity, each state college or university shall
19 have at least a ratio of one clinical, non-student mental health staff
20 member per one thousand students. Two years after the effective date of
21 this subdivision, and once every five years thereafter, each state
22 college and university shall establish a board of advisors and experts
23 and have such board update such ratio based on actual ratios in this
24 state and any new information related to appropriate benchmarks for
25 clinician-to-student ratios; provided, however, such updated ratio shall
26 be at least a ratio of one clinical, non-student mental health staff
27 member per one thousand students. This subdivision shall not be funded

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

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2 sion. State colleges or universities may seek federal funding or private
3 grants, if available, to support the provisions of this subdivision.

4 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
5 the date on which it shall have become a law.