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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAVANAGH -- 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 encouraging the elimination of the use of certain single use plastic items at state university of New York and city university of New York campuses

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

1 Section 1. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 21 to read as follows:

3 21. The state university trustees shall adopt a policy requiring that  
4 each institution of the state university of New York collaborate with  
5 students, faculty and staff to encourage campuses to eliminate the use  
6 of certain plastic items generally recognized by the public as being  
7 designed for single use. Such plastic items may include, but shall not  
8 be limited to, tableware, straws, stirrers, cups and food service  
9 containers. In establishing such a policy, the trustees shall consider  
10 the following:

11 a. the availability of affordable alternatives;  
12 b. the accessibility of alternatives to all students, faculty, and  
13 staff;  
14 c. an evaluation of the effectiveness of reusable alternatives; and  
15 d. benchmarks for assessing progress.

16 § 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
17 subdivision 21 to read as follows:

18 21. The board of trustees shall adopt a policy requiring that each  
19 institution of the city university of New York collaborate with  
20 students, faculty and staff to encourage campuses to eliminate the use  
21 of certain plastic items generally recognized by the public as being  
22 designed for single use. Such plastic items may include, but shall not  
23 be limited to, tableware, straws, stirrers, cups and food service

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

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8 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
9 have become a law.