

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RATH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to establishing the "build back BOCES act"

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "build back
2 BOCES act".
3 § 2. Paragraph b of subdivision 5 of section 1950 of the education
4 law, as amended by chapter 130 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read
5 as follows:
6 b. The cost of services herein referred to shall be the amount allo-
7 cated to each component school district by the board of cooperative
8 educational services to defray expenses of such board, including
9 approved expenses from the testing of potable water systems of occupied
10 school buildings under the board's jurisdiction as required pursuant to
11 section eleven hundred ten of the public health law provided that such
12 expenses for testing of potable water systems are not reimbursable from
13 another state or federal source, except that that part of the salary
14 paid any teacher, supervisor or other employee of the board of cooper-
15 ative educational services which is in excess of [~~thirty~~] either the
16 average teacher salary in the respective school district, or forty-five
17 thousand dollars, whichever is lower, shall not be such an approved
18 expense, and except also that administrative and clerical expenses shall
19 not exceed ten percent of the total expenses for purposes of this compu-
20 tation. Any gifts, donations or interest earned by the board of cooper-
21 ative educational services or on behalf of the board of cooperative
22 educational services by the dormitory authority or any other source
23 shall not be deducted in determining the cost of services allocated to
24 each component school district. Any payments made to a component school
25 district by the board of cooperative educational services pursuant to
26 subdivision eleven of section six-p of the general municipal law attrib-
27 utable to an approved cost of service computed pursuant to this subdivi-
28 sion shall be deducted from the cost of services allocated to such

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

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1 component school district. The expense of transportation provided by the
2 board of cooperative educational services pursuant to paragraph q of
3 subdivision four of this section shall be eligible for aid apportioned
4 pursuant to subdivision seven of section thirty-six hundred two of this
5 chapter and no board of cooperative educational services transportation
6 expense shall be an approved cost of services for the computation of aid
7 under this subdivision. Transportation expense pursuant to paragraph q
8 of subdivision four of this section shall be included in the computation
9 of the ten percent limitation on administrative and clerical expenses.

10 § 3. Paragraph b of subdivision 5 of section 1950 of the education
11 law, as amended by section two of this act, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 b. The cost of services herein referred to shall be the amount allo-
14 cated to each component school district by the board of cooperative
15 educational services to defray expenses of such board, including
16 approved expenses from the testing of potable water systems of occupied
17 school buildings under the board's jurisdiction as required pursuant to
18 section eleven hundred ten of the public health law provided that such
19 expenses for testing of potable water systems are not reimbursable from
20 another state or federal source, except that that part of the salary
21 paid any teacher, supervisor or other employee of the board of cooper-
22 ative educational services which is in excess of either the average
23 teacher salary in the respective school district, or [~~forty-five~~] sixty
24 thousand dollars, whichever is lower, shall not be such an approved
25 expense, and except also that administrative and clerical expenses shall
26 not exceed ten percent of the total expenses for purposes of this compu-
27 tation. Any gifts, donations or interest earned by the board of cooper-
28 ative educational services or on behalf of the board of cooperative
29 educational services by the dormitory authority or any other source
30 shall not be deducted in determining the cost of services allocated to
31 each component school district. Any payments made to a component school
32 district by the board of cooperative educational services pursuant to
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36 component school district. The expense of transportation provided by the
37 board of cooperative educational services pursuant to paragraph q of
38 subdivision four of this section shall be eligible for aid apportioned
39 pursuant to subdivision seven of section thirty-six hundred two of this
40 chapter and no board of cooperative educational services transportation
41 expense shall be an approved cost of services for the computation of aid
42 under this subdivision. Transportation expense pursuant to paragraph q
43 of subdivision four of this section shall be included in the computation
44 of the ten percent limitation on administrative and clerical expenses.

45 § 4. The education law is amended by adding three new sections 1953,
46 1954 and 1959 to read as follows:

47 § 1953. Annual career and technical education report. 1. The depart-
48 ment, in consultation with the department of taxation and finance, shall
49 track the number of students who have participated in a BOCES or CTE
50 curriculum each year and the employment obtained by such students after
51 graduating from high school, or after attaining a high school equivalent
52 degree.

53 2. Beginning on the first of July next occurring after the first full
54 year after the effective date of this section, and annually thereafter,
55 the department, in consultation with the department of taxation and
56 finance, shall create a report on the number of students formerly

1 enrolled in a BOCES or CTE curriculum who obtained part-time or full-
2 time employment in a qualifying field within one year of high school
3 graduation or attainment of a high school equivalent degree. Former
4 students who obtain part-time employment in a qualifying field while
5 attending a two-year or four-year post-secondary education program shall
6 not be included in such reported numbers. Such report shall be submitted
7 to the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly,
8 the minority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the assembly,
9 and the chairs and ranking members on the senate and assembly standing
10 committees on education. Such report shall also be made publicly avail-
11 able on the department's website.

12 § 1954. BOCES enhanced pipeline pilot program. 1. Beginning in the two
13 thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year, the commis-
14 sioner shall establish a "BOCES enhanced pipeline pilot program" under
15 which the New York state public schools with the top twenty highest
16 number of former students who were enrolled in BOCES or CTE curricula
17 and who obtained part-time or full-time employment in a qualifying field
18 within one year of high school graduation or attainment of a high school
19 equivalent degree, as determined in the report submitted pursuant to
20 section nineteen hundred fifty-three of this article, shall receive an
21 increase in weighted funding per each such former student. Former
22 students who obtain part-time employment in a qualifying field while
23 attending a two-year or four-year post-secondary education program shall
24 not be included in the calculation of such top twenty schools, or in the
25 weighted increase in funding pursuant to this subdivision.

26 2. The increase in weighted funding under subdivision one of this
27 section shall be subject to the discretion of the commissioner, provided
28 however that the minimum increase in such funding shall be no less than
29 a fifteen percent increase over the previous school year's weighted
30 funding per student. Such funding increase shall be provided for only
31 the immediately following school year. At the conclusion of such school
32 year, each school's funding shall return to the base weighted funding
33 per student, unless such school has been awarded a subsequent funding
34 increase under subdivision one of this section for the following school
35 year. Funding for the awards pursuant to this section shall be appropri-
36 ated annually in the New York state budget subject to the discretion of
37 the director of the division of the budget.

38 3. Upon the conclusion of the two thousand thirty-five--two thousand
39 thirty-six school year, the department shall conduct an audit of the
40 BOCES enhanced pipeline pilot program established pursuant to subdivi-
41 sion one of this section. The department shall create a report of its
42 findings pursuant to such audit, and shall submit such report no later
43 than one year after the beginning of such audit to the temporary presi-
44 dent of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of
45 the senate, the minority leader of the assembly, and the chairs and
46 ranking members of the senate and assembly standing committees on educa-
47 tion.

48 4. The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and/or
49 regulations he or she shall deem necessary for the implementation of the
50 provisions of this section.

51 § 1959. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following
52 terms shall have the following meanings:

53 1. "BOCES" means a board of cooperative educational services estab-
54 lished pursuant to section nineteen hundred fifty of this article.

55 2. "Career and technical education" or "CTE" means a curriculum
56 designed to provide students with certain skills that will enable them

1 to pursue a career in certain disciplines, including but not limited to,
2 agricultural education, business and marketing, family and consumer
3 sciences, health occupations, technology and trade, or technical and
4 industrial education.

5 3. "Qualifying field" means a field of employment in which BOCES or
6 CTE programs are intended to prepare students for employment, including
7 but not limited to: welding; automotive design and repair; new visions
8 health professions; product design; culinary arts; digital media; exer-
9 cise medicine and science; advanced manufacturing; building and
10 construction trades; nurse assisting; heavy equipment operating and
11 repair; business administration; physical therapy professions; lab tech-
12 nician; child and family services; health occupations; environmental
13 conservation; criminal justice; natural resource science; agricultural
14 sciences; cosmetology; veterinary practices; digital gaming; software
15 design; information technology; offshore wind; sterile processing tech-
16 nician; HVAC-R; dental assistant; cyber technology; emergency medical
17 services; computer programming; diagnostic medical sonographer; automat-
18 ic heating; and any other field determined by the commissioner to be a
19 "qualifying field".

20 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however that the
21 provisions of section two of this act shall apply to the 2023--2024
22 school year, and school years thereafter; and provided further that
23 section three of this act shall take effect January 1, 2030.