STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WILLIAMS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to providing a reduced fare on the metropolitan transportation authority transit system

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

Section 1. Section 1266 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. (a) The authority, in cooperation with the New York city transit authority, the Long Island Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company, shall establish and implement a reduced fare program for transportation on New York city transit authority systems, the Long Island Rail Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company for students of a college or vocational institution that is located in a city with a population of one million or more provided, however, the authority shall not pay any costs or expenses related to the reduced fare program from its operating or capital budgets and may only implement the reduced fare program with funds appropriated to it by the state of New York for such purpose.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent:

(i) "Student" shall mean a person who is enrolled at a college or vocational institution;

(ii) "Reduced fare" shall mean a minimum of a twenty-five percent discount on the value of a single or monthly ride fare;

(iii) "College" shall mean any institution of higher education, recognized and approved by the board of regents of the university of the state of New York, which provides a course of study leading to the granting of a post-secondary degree or diploma; and

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

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(iv) "Vocational Institution" shall mean a business, trade, technical or other occupational school approved as such by the board of regents of the university of the state of New York or accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association accepted as such by the regents of the state of New York.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.