

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to providing access to laptops for high school and higher education students and textbooks for higher education students

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

1 Section 1. Section 753 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 6 to read as follows:

3 6. Beginning in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six
4 school year, within amounts appropriated therefor, each school district
5 in the state shall implement a program to provide each student in the
6 district in grades nine through twelve a laptop without charge.

7 § 2. The education law is amended by adding a new article 15-D to read
8 as follows:

ARTICLE 15-D

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION TEXTBOOKS AND LAPTOPS

10 Section 730. Access to higher education textbooks and laptops.

11 § 730. Access to higher education textbooks and laptops. 1. (a) Begin-
12 ning in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school
13 year, within amounts appropriated therefor, every institution of the
14 state university of New York and every institution of the city universi-
15 ty of New York shall implement a program to provide any student who
16 attends such institution a laptop without charge.

17 (b) Beginning in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six
18 school year, within amounts appropriate therefor, every private college
19 or university within the state shall implement a program to provide any
20 qualifying student who attends such institution a laptop without charge.
21 For the purposes of this paragraph, "qualifying student" shall mean a
22 student who provides such private college or university documentation of
23 financial need based upon information provided on such student's free
24 application for federal student aid (FAFSA).

25 2. (a) Beginning in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twen-
26 ty-six school year, within amounts appropriated therefor, every institu-
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 tion of the state university of New York, every institution of the city
2 university of New York and every private college or university within
3 the state shall implement a program to provide free college textbooks to
4 every student attending such institution.

5 (b) Such program shall provide each student with a voucher to purchase
6 necessary textbooks with the condition all textbooks shall be returned
7 at the end of each semester in a serviceable condition.

8 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.