

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

February 9, 2023

Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- 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 requiring SUNY and CUNY institutions to award course credit to students who serve as election inspectors, poll clerks or election coordinators

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 22 to read as follows:

3 22. The state university trustees shall, in consultation with the  
4 state board of elections and the New York city board of elections, adopt  
5 a policy requiring that each institution of the state university of New  
6 York grant course credit to each student enrolled in such institution  
7 for such student's service as an election inspector, poll clerk, or  
8 election coordinator pursuant to title four of article three of the  
9 election law. Such policy shall, at a minimum, require each institution  
10 to coordinate with appropriate county boards of elections and the New  
11 York city board of elections to establish verification procedures for  
12 students claiming credit under this subdivision, including the provision  
13 by the appropriate board of elections to the institution of the certifi-  
14 cate furnished to the board pursuant to subdivision three of section  
15 3-420 of the election law, and such other proof as the state university  
16 trustees, in consultation with the state board of elections and the New  
17 York city board of elections, shall deem appropriate.

18 § 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
19 subdivision 22 to read as follows:

20 22. The board of trustees shall, in consultation with the state board  
21 of elections and the New York city board of elections, adopt a policy  
22 requiring that each institution of the city university of New York grant  
23 course credit to each student enrolled in such institution for such  
24 student's service as an election inspector, poll clerk, or election

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

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1 coordinator pursuant to title four of article three of the election law.  
2 Such policy shall, at a minimum, require each institution to coordinate  
3 with the appropriate county boards of elections and the New York city  
4 board of elections to establish verification procedures for students  
5 claiming credit under this subdivision, including the provision by the  
6 appropriate board of elections to the institution of the certificate  
7 furnished to the board pursuant to section 3-420 of the election law,  
8 and such other proof as the board of trustees, in consultation with the  
9 state board of elections and the New York city board of elections, shall  
10 deem appropriate.

11 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.