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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES, BURROUGHS, SEAWRIGHT, ROMERO, LASHER, DAIS, MEEKS, SCHIAVONI, CLARK, SHRESTHA, SMITH, CONRAD, SAYEGH, GRIFFIN, SHIMSKY, RAGA, CRUZ, SIMONE, BARRETT, EACHUS, JACOBSON, KAY, HEVESI, O'PHARROW, SLATER, GALLAGHER, DURSO, CASHMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to phasing out certain mandatory university fees for certain graduate students and adjunct staff

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the educa-
2 tion law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 12 to read as follows:

3 (12) (i) Beginning in the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-
4 seven academic year, all current and future mandatory university
5 fees, with the exclusion of the graduate student association student
6 activity fee, shall be charged to a state university of New York gradu-
7 ate student serving a full-time or half-time appointment as a graduate
8 teaching assistant, graduate assistant, graduate research assistant,
9 graduate research associate, or graduate teaching associate at the rate
10 of twenty-five percent of all mandatory university fees, with the exclu-
11 sion of the graduate student association student activity fee.

12 (ii) Beginning in the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-
13 eight academic year and thereafter, no mandatory university fees shall
14 be charged to those serving as a full-time or half-time graduate teach-
15 ing assistant, graduate assistant, graduate research assistant, graduate
16 research associate or graduate teaching associate, with the exclusion of
17 the graduate student association student activity fee.

18 § 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new
19 subdivision 25 to read as follows:

20 25. a. Beginning in the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-
21 seven academic year, all current and future mandatory university fees,
22 with the exclusion of the graduate student association student activity

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

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1 fee, shall be charged to a city university of New York graduate student
2 servng as a graduate assistant, adjunct instructor, adjunct lecturer,
3 adjunct college laboratory technician or a non-teaching adjunct staff
4 member at the rate of twenty-five percent of all mandatory university
5 fees, with the exclusion of the graduate student association student
6 activity fee.

7 b. Beginning in the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-
8 eight academic year and thereafter, no mandatory university fees shall
9 be charged to those serving as a graduate assistant, adjunct instructor,
10 adjunct lecturer, adjunct college laboratory technician or a non-teach-
11 ing adjunct staff member, with the exclusion of the graduate student
12 association student activity fee.

13 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.