

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

May 11, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Simon) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring SUNY and  
CUNY institutions which offer a master of social work degree program  
to offer a maternal mental health elective course to students

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, 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 adopt a policy requiring that  
4 each institution of the state university of New York that offers a  
5 master of social work degree program offer a maternal mental health  
6 elective course. Such maternal mental health elective course shall  
7 provide comprehensive training in perinatal mood and anxiety disorders  
8 and instruct students how to apply best practices in screening, referral  
9 and treatment.

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

12 25. The board of trustees shall adopt a policy requiring that each  
13 institution of the city university of New York that offers a master of  
14 social work degree program offer a maternal mental health elective  
15 course. Such maternal mental health elective course shall provide  
16 comprehensive training in perinatal mood and anxiety disorders and  
17 instruct students how to apply best practices in screening, referral and  
18 treatment.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
20 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the  
21 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
22 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized  
23 to be made and completed on or before such date.

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

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