

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

January 14, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to adjusting the regional cost index for state school aid with respect to the Hudson Valley region

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph a of subdivision 4 of section  
2 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 10-a of part A of chap-  
3 ter 56 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

4 (2) (A) The regional cost index shall reflect an analysis of labor  
5 market costs based on median salaries in professional occupations that  
6 require similar credentials to those of positions in the education  
7 field, but not including those occupations in the education field,  
8 provided that the regional cost indices for the two thousand seven--two  
9 thousand eight school year [~~and thereafter~~] through the two thousand  
10 twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year shall be as follows:

11	Labor Force Region	Index
12	Capital District	1.124
13	Southern Tier	1.045
14	Western New York	1.091
15	Hudson Valley	1.314
16	Long Island/NYC	1.425
17	Finger Lakes	1.141
18	Central New York	1.103
19	Mohawk Valley	1.000
20	North Country	1.000

21 Provided that in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six  
22 school year and thereafter, the regional cost index for Westchester  
23 county shall be 1.351.

24 (B) For the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven school  
25 year and thereafter the regional cost indices shall be as follows:

26	<u>Labor Force Region</u>	<u>Index</u>
27	<u>Capital District</u>	<u>1.124</u>

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

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9 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.