STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. ASHBY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring approval by a two-thirds vote of the state senate for certain salary increases of certain state officers

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 169 of the executive law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision, if any salary increase for a state officer indicated under subdivision one of this section shall result in a salary above the governor's salary, such salary increase shall require approval by a two-thirds vote of the state senate.

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 169 of the executive law, as added by chapter 263 of the laws of 1987, is amended to read as follows:

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any other provision of law, the boards of trustees of the state university of New York and the city university of New York shall each establish and implement salary plans for the chancellors, presidents and senior staffs of such state and city universities, respectively. The board of regents shall establish and implement a separate salary plan for the president of the university of the state of New York, setting forth the compensation to be received by the president for performing the duties of that office assigned by the rules of the regents or statute, which shall be in addition to the compensation received by such person pursuant to the provisions of subdivisions one and two of this section. Such salary plans shall be developed after consultation with the governor's office of employee relations and the division of the budget. **If any salary increase for a chancellor and/or president of the state university of New York or city university of New York shall result in a salary above the governor's salary, the boards of trustees of such state or city**

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

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university, respectively, shall not approve such salary increase unless such salary increase receives a two-thirds approval from the state senate; provided, however, that such approval shall not be required for senior staffs of the state university of New York or the city university of New York. Any increase in compensation for the positions set forth in this subdivision, not otherwise funded from any appropriation, shall be funded from reallocations of funds within the appropriations specifically identified by the aforementioned boards. Each board of trustees and the board of regents shall file a proposed salary plan report with the chairs of the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means committee and the director of the budget at least sixty days prior to the effective date of such salary plan. Each salary plan report shall set forth the salary schedule, the dollar value of additional public compensation and other employment benefits that such positions would receive, the specific sources of funding to be reallocated for salary increases, the amount of increase to be provided to each position, the comparison salary data on which the plan is based, and such other information as the boards of trustees and the board of regents deem appropriate.

§ 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 2025.