STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the regional cost index for purposes of the calculation of total foundation aid

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

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

(2) The regional cost index shall reflect an analysis of labor market costs based on median salaries in professional occupations that require similar credentials to those of positions in the education field, but not including those occupations in the education field, provided that the regional cost indices for the two thousand seven--two thousand eight school year and thereafter shall be as follows:

Labor Force Region	Index
Capital District	1.124
Southern Tier	1.045
Western New York	1.091
Hudson Valley	1.314
Long Island/NYC	[~~1.425~~] **1.496**
Finger Lakes	1.141
Central New York	1.103
Mohawk Valley	1.000
North Country	1.000

Provided that in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year and thereafter, the regional cost index for Westchester county shall be 1.351 **and the regional cost index for Long Island/NYC shall be 1.496**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025; provided, however, that if section 10-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2025 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such part of such chapter of the laws of 2025, takes effect.

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

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