

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 15, 2025

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:

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

10	Labor Force Region	Index	
11	Capital District	1.124	
12	Southern Tier	1.045	
13	Western New York	1.091	
14	Hudson Valley	1.314	
15	Long Island/NYC	[1.425]	<u>1.496</u>
16	Finger Lakes	1.141	
17	Central New York	1.103	
18	Mohawk Valley	1.000	
19	North Country	1.000	

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

24 § 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025; provided, however, that
25 if section 10-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2025 shall not
26 have taken effect on or before such date then section one of this act
27 shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such part
28 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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