

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 8, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to technical assistance provided to municipalities related to college and university closures; and to repeal section 153 of the executive law, in relation thereto

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

1 Section 1. Section 153 of the executive law, as added by a chapter of
2 the laws of 2025 amending the executive law relating to providing tech-
3 nical assistance to any municipality that has had a college or universi-
4 ty close within such municipality, as proposed in legislative bills
5 numbers S. 1525 and A. 2007, is REPEALED.

6 § 2. The economic development law is amended by adding a new section
7 12 to read as follows:

8 § 12. Technical assistance to municipalities related to college and
9 university closures. The department shall provide to any municipality,
10 upon request, technical assistance in the event of a college or univer-
11 sity closing in such municipality, on topics including but not limited
12 to:

13 1. workforce transition and development;

14 2. attracting new employers and economic opportunities;

15 3. developing plans for the land and buildings formerly occupied by
16 such college or university; and

17 4. recommendations and planning assistance for dealing with creditors
18 and other entities having a financial interest in such college or
19 university's assets located in such municipality, provided, however,
20 that the state shall not become a party to any legal proceedings pursu-
21 ant to this section.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
23 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the executive law
24 relating to providing technical assistance to any municipality that has
25 had a college or university close within such municipality, as proposed
26 in legislative bills numbers S. 1525 and A. 2007, takes effect.

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

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