

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 27, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to phasing out certain mandatory university fees for graduate students

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the educa-
2 tion law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 12 to read as follows:

3 (12) (i) Beginning in the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand
4 twenty-eight academic year, all current and future mandatory university
5 fees, with the exclusion of the graduate student association student
6 activity fee, shall be charged to a state university of New York gradu-
7 ate student serving a full-time or half-time appointment as a graduate
8 teaching assistant, graduate assistant, graduate research assistant,
9 graduate research associate, or graduate teaching associate at the rate
10 of twenty-five percent of all mandatory university fees, with the exclu-
11 sion of the graduate student association student activity fee.

12 (ii) Beginning in the two thousand twenty-eight--two thousand twenty-
13 nine academic year and thereafter, no mandatory university fees shall be
14 charged, with the exclusion of the graduate student association student
15 activity fee.

16 § 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new
17 subdivision 24 to read as follows:

18 24. a. Beginning in the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twen-
19 ty-eight academic year, all current and future mandatory university
20 fees, with the exclusion of the graduate student association student
21 activity fee, shall be charged to a city university of New York graduate
22 student serving as a graduate assistant, adjunct instructor, adjunct
23 lecturer, adjunct college laboratory technician or a non-teaching
24 adjunct staff member at the rate of twenty-five percent of all mandatory
25 university fees, with the exclusion of the graduate student association
26 student activity fee.

27 b. Beginning in the two thousand twenty-eight--two thousand twenty-
28 nine academic year and thereafter, no mandatory university fees shall be
29 charged, with the exclusion of the graduate student association student
30 activity fee.

31 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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