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 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

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

(12) (i) Beginning in the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven academic year, all current and future mandatory university fees, with the exclusion of the graduate student association student activity fee, shall be charged to a state university of New York graduate student serving a full-time or half-time appointment as a graduate teaching assistant, graduate assistant, graduate research assistant, graduate research associate, or graduate teaching associate at the rate of twenty-five percent of all mandatory university fees, with the exclusion of the graduate student association student activity fee.

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

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

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

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

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

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.