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Introduced by M. of A. KELLES, SIMON, EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring SUNY and CUNY campuses to hire energy management, materials management, and sustainability education and engagement employees

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

Section 1. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 22 to read as follows:

22. The state university trustees shall adopt a policy requiring that each college and university of the state university of New York, excluding community colleges, shall employ staff as follows in the following functional areas:

a. for campuses with less than four thousand students and the empire state college, one full-time energy management employee, one full-time materials (waste) management employee, and one full-time sustainability education and engagement employee;

b. for campuses with between four thousand students and eleven thousand nine hundred ninety-nine students, one full-time and one half-time energy management employee, one full-time and one half-time materials (waste) management employee, and one full-time and one half-time sustainability education and engagement employee;

c. for campuses with between twelve thousand students and twenty-four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine students, two full-time energy management employees, two full-time materials (waste) management employees, and two full-time sustainability education and engagement employees; and

d. for campuses with twenty-five thousand or more students, two full-time and one half-time energy management employees, two full-time and one half-time materials (waste) management employees, and two full-time and one half-time sustainability education and engagement employees.

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

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

24. The board of trustees shall adopt a policy requiring that each institution of the city university of New York shall employ staff as follows in the following functional areas:

a. for campuses with less than four thousand students, one full-time energy management employee, one full-time materials (waste) management employee, and one full-time sustainability education and engagement employee;

b. for campuses with between four thousand students and eleven thousand nine hundred ninety-nine students, one full-time energy management employee and one full-time employee assigned at least fifty percent to energy management, one full-time materials (waste) management employee and one full-time employee assigned at least fifty percent to materials (waste) management, and one full-time sustainability education and engagement employee and one full-time employee assigned at least fifty percent to sustainability education and engagement;

c. for campuses with between twelve thousand students and twenty-four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine students, two full-time energy management employees, two full-time materials (waste) management employees, and two full-time sustainability education and engagement employees; and

d. for campuses with twenty-five thousand or more students, two full-time energy management employees and one full-time employee assigned at least fifty percent to energy management, two full-time materials (waste) management employees and one full-time employee assigned at least fifty percent to materials (waste) management, and two full-time sustainability education and engagement employees and one full-time employee assigned at least fifty percent to sustainability education and engagement.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.