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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:

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

3 22. The state university trustees shall adopt a policy requiring that
4 each college and university of the state university of New York, exclud-
5 ing community colleges, shall employ staff as follows in the following
6 functional areas:

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

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

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

20 d. for campuses with twenty-five thousand or more students, two full-
21 time and one half-time energy management employees, two full-time and
22 one half-time materials (waste) management employees, and two full-time
23 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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1 § 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 24 to read as follows:

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

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

10 b. for campuses with between four thousand students and eleven thou-
11 sand nine hundred ninety-nine students, one full-time energy management
12 employee and one full-time employee assigned at least fifty percent to
13 energy management, one full-time materials (waste) management employee
14 and one full-time employee assigned at least fifty percent to materials
15 (waste) management, and one full-time sustainability education and
16 engagement employee and one full-time employee assigned at least fifty
17 percent to sustainability education and engagement;

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

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

30 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.