

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 14, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. P. CARROLL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to adjusting the regional cost index for state school aid with respect to the Hudson Valley region

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph a of subdivision 4 of section 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 10-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

(2) (A) The regional cost index shall reflect an analysis of labor market costs based on median salaries in professional occupations that require similar credentials to those of positions in the education field, but not including those occupations in the education field, provided that the regional cost indices for the two thousand seven--two thousand eight school year [~~and thereafter~~] through the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year shall be as follows:

Labor Force Region	Index
Capital District	1.124
Southern Tier	1.045
Western New York	1.091
Hudson Valley	1.314
Long Island/NYC	1.425
Finger Lakes	1.141
Central New York	1.103
Mohawk Valley	1.000
North Country	1.000

Provided that in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year and thereafter, the regional cost index for Westchester county shall be 1.351.

(B) For the two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven school year and thereafter the regional cost indices shall be as follows:

<u>Labor Force Region</u>	<u>Index</u>
<u>Capital District</u>	<u>1.124</u>

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

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1	<u>Southern Tier</u>	<u>1.045</u>
2	<u>Western New York</u>	<u>1.091</u>
3	<u>Hudson Valley</u>	<u>1.425</u>
4	<u>Long Island/NYC</u>	<u>1.425</u>
5	<u>Finger Lakes</u>	<u>1.141</u>
6	<u>Central New York</u>	<u>1.103</u>
7	<u>Mohawk Valley</u>	<u>1.000</u>
8	<u>North Country</u>	<u>1.000</u>
9	§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.	