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Introduced by Sens. LIU, JACKSON, MAY -- 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 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 Assem-  
bly, 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.