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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. WEBER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

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

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

	Labor Force Region	Index
11	Capital District	1.124
12	Southern Tier	1.045
13	Western New York	1.091
14	Hudson Valley	1.314
15	Long Island/NYC	1.425
16	Finger Lakes	1.141
17	Central New York	1.103
18	Mohawk Valley	1.000
19	North Country	1.000
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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

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

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16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.