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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Banks

AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to including information concerning repayment of outstanding loans in the standard financial aid award letter

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-w of the banking law, as amended by section 1 of  
2 part CC of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4 § 9-w. Standard financial aid award letter. The superintendent [~~of~~  
5 ~~financial services~~] in consultation with the president of the higher  
6 education services corporation shall develop a standard financial aid  
7 award letter which shall clearly delineate (a) the estimated cost of  
8 attendance, including but not limited to, the cost of tuition and fees,  
9 room and board, books, and transportation. Such standard letter shall  
10 provide the estimated cost of attendance for the current academic year  
11 as well as estimates for each academic year that the student would need  
12 to attend to earn a degree at such institution with a disclaimer that  
13 the cost of attendance for years other than the current academic year  
14 are estimates and may be subject to change, (b) all financial aid  
15 offered from the federal government, the state, and the institution with  
16 an explanation as to which components will require repayment, (c) any  
17 expected student and/or family contribution, (d) campus-specific gradu-  
18 ation, median borrowing, and loan default rates, [~~and~~] (e) the estimated  
19 loan repayment impact using actual terms, expected repayment schedule  
20 and payoff amounts or, where such information is not available or fixed  
21 in the loan agreement, a standard ten year repayment term and assumed  
22 interest rate on the current amount of outstanding loans including total  
23 expected payoff amount inclusive of principal and interest, and expected  
24 monthly payment, and (f) any other information as determined by the

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

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1 superintendent in consultation with the president. Such standard letter  
2 shall include a glossary of standard terms and definitions used on such  
3 standard letter. The superintendent shall publish and make available  
4 such standard letter by December thirty-first, two thousand fifteen and  
5 thereafter. Each college, vocational institution, and any other institu-  
6 tion that offers an approved program as defined in section six hundred  
7 one of the education law shall utilize the standard letter issued by the  
8 department of financial services in responding to all undergraduate  
9 financial aid applicants for the two thousand sixteen--two thousand  
10 seventeen academic year and thereafter. The superintendent shall promul-  
11 gate regulations implementing this section.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.