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IN SENATE

January 16, 2025

Introduced by Sens. WEBB, HOYLMAN-SIGAL -- 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 establishing composting programs at state university of New York and city university of New York campuses

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

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

22. The state university trustees shall adopt a policy requiring that each institution of the state university of New York collaborate with students, faculty and staff to encourage campuses to establish composting programs. Compostable waste may include, but shall not be limited to, food scraps, plant trimmings, food soiled paper, and certified compostable products. In establishing such a policy, the trustees shall consider the following:

a. providing information and signage related to the proper methods for separating compostable waste;

b. the availability of services for collecting and transporting compostable waste;

c. an evaluation of the effectiveness of campuses' composting programs; and

d. benchmarks for assessing progress.

§ 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 24 to read as follows:

24. The board of trustees shall adopt a policy requiring that each institution of the city university of New York collaborate with students, faculty and staff to encourage campuses to establish composting programs. Compostable waste may include, but shall not be limited to, food scraps, plant trimmings, food soiled paper, and certified

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

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§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.