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New York Lawmaker Proposes Tuition Freeze At SUNY, CUNY Schools

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Legislation introduced in New York could place a four-year freeze on tuition costs at state and city universities.

State Senator Kevin Thomas, D-Levittown, says New Yorkers face a “student debt crisis” because of the “TAP Gap.” That’s the \$139 million difference between how much tuition costs and how much money students get from the state’s Tuition Assistance Program. Thomas

introduced the tuition freeze.

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“We need to get to the root of this problem. Instead of having an arbitrary increase every single year, I want us to sit down and actually fix this problem.”

Thomas wants the SUNY and CUNY boards to develop a long-term solution for tuition affordability.

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Relates to freezing tuition costs at state and city universities for four years; and requiring a report examining the affordability of such public institutions

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