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Senator Kenneth P. LaValle, Chairman**

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Dear Senator Flanagan:

It is my pleasure to submit the annual report of the Senate Standing Committee on Higher Education for the 2017 legislative session. The Committee maintained its commitment to supporting and examining ways to bolster New York's higher education sectors, as well as its oversight of the various professions licensed or seeking licensure by the State Education Department.

The most significant topics discussed by the Committee throughout the Session were restoring and enhancing maintenance of effort provisions (S.1596-A) and enacting a five-year capital plan (S.1625) for the State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY). For a second time, both bills passed both houses and were sent to the Governor for his signature. The Governor vetoed both measures. The bills would have provided proper operating and capital funding to our public university systems.

Several other significant higher education bills were enacted throughout the Session. Chapter 298, sponsored by Senator Serino, exempted the International School of Photography from having to register as a licensed private career school based on the programs it offered. This technical correction was necessary. Chapter 454, sponsored by Senator LaValle, created an exemption where teachers already holding graduate degrees do not have to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) if such teacher applies for another graduate program.

The 2017-2018 Enacted Budget saw several significant developments. Basic maintenance of effort provisions were restored for SUNY and CUNY, and both systems saw an increase in capital project funding. The Legislature advocated that any increases should be flexible so colleges could choose whether they wanted such capital funding to go toward critical maintenance or new capital projects. Community college base aid also saw a \$50 increase per full time equivalent (FTE), which provided for a total of \$6.45 million in additional aid. The Senate also secured \$300,000 in aid for SUNY for increased access to mental health services.

The Governor signed several bills related to the licensed professions. These include providing title protection for doctors of physical therapy, counting representation in the New York State Dental Association, authorizing and allowing pharmacists to dispense and substitute interchangeable biological products, creating limited licenses for speech-language pathologists,

and changing the standards for mandatory quality of review of certified public accountants. A total of seven bills reviewed by the Committee were signed by the Governor.

I thank the Committee for its continued support and commitment throughout the 2017 Legislative Session. I remain dedicated to ensuring that New York State higher education is the best in the nation and look forward to working with the Committee members and the entire Senate on the various issues affecting higher education in the State.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth P. LaValle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a distinct "P" before the last name.

Kenneth P. LaValle

# **2017 LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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## COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

The Senate Higher Education Committee is charged with the review and development of legislation addressing postsecondary education for New York State. This includes legislation dealing with the Board of Regents as well as more than 50 professions licensed by the State Education Department.

The Committee's jurisdiction, therefore, covers a broad range of areas including maintaining the quality of New York's public, proprietary and independent colleges and universities, continuing the State's long tradition of providing the nation's most generous student financial aid programs, and providing institutional aid to all sectors of higher education. In addition, the Committee plays a key role in program quality, access and opportunities for professional education, encourages academic and private sector cooperation, promotes research, and facilitates elementary and postsecondary partnerships. Furthermore, the Committee is deeply involved with the process by which practitioners acquire, demonstrate and maintain professional skills. A major component of the Committee's work is to consider change and expansion to the scope of practice of the state's professions, as well as to consider the licensure of newly created professions.

Another important responsibility of the Committee is to consider gubernatorial and mayoral nominations to the various boards, task forces and work groups within the higher education community.



## 2017-2018 ENACTED BUDGET

The 2017-2018 Enacted Budget included a restoration and strengthening of maintenance of effort provisions for the State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY). These provisions state that the Executive cannot fund the SUNY system at a level lower than the prior fiscal year, including fringe benefits, and any increases in the gap created by the tuition credit for the Excelsior Scholarship Program.

The Excelsior Scholarship Program was also created in the Enacted Budget. Full-time students who will complete their bachelor's or associate's degree on time are eligible for this program if such student attends either a SUNY or CUNY 2-year or 4-year program. In order to be eligible, the family's adjusted gross income (AGI) must be under \$100,000 in the 2017-2018 academic year, under \$110,000 in the 2018-2019 academic year, and under \$125,000 in the 2019-2020 academic year and beyond. To be on track to graduate on time, a student must complete 30 credits within an academic year. A scholarship program was also created for the private colleges to maintain parity between the sectors. The Enhanced Tuition Award (ETA) program mirrors the provisions of the Excelsior Scholarship in relation to income thresholds, and provides for an award of up to \$3,000 through the scholarship, as long as a matching award is made by the granting institution of up to \$3,000. Institutions who opt into the ETA program must also agree to freeze the receiving student's tuition at the rate the student paid when he or she was first awarded the scholarship and the rate cannot be increased for the duration of time the student remains eligible and receives ETA.

SUNY capital funding also saw significant increases this fiscal year, with added flexibility for new capital projects. \$450 million was designated for critical maintenance for senior colleges, \$100 million was carved out by the Legislature to provide for flexibility for new capital projects or critical maintenance use depending on the needs of the colleges, and \$100 million was designated for Upstate and Stony Brook hospitals. CUNY capital funding also saw a significant increase this year. \$224 million was designated for critical maintenance, and \$60 million was carved out by the Legislature to provide for flexibility for new capital projects or critical maintenance use depending on the needs of the colleges.

Community colleges received an increase in state operating aid for the seventh consecutive year. The increase of \$50 in base aid per full-time equivalent (FTE) brought base aid to \$2,747 per FTE. Additionally, the budget provided \$1.5 million for the Graduate Achievement Program (GAP), \$1.5 million for Small Business Development Centers, and over \$1.5 million for SUNY and CUNY childcare centers.

Important policy initiatives also advanced during the 2017-2018 budget cycle were creation of a part time scholarship award for SUNY and CUNY community college students, and a new child welfare workers scholarship and loan forgiveness program. The other budget initiatives include:

- \$10.4 million in funding for the Education Opportunity Programs and Education Opportunity Centers;
- \$5.9 million for the Higher Education Opportunity Program;

- \$9.3 million for the Hospital Subsidy for Upstate, Downstate and Stony Brook Hospitals;  
and
- \$4 million for increasing access to open educational resources.

## **MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT AND 5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN FOR SUNY AND CUNY**

A major highlight of the 2017 Legislative Session was the advocacy for enhanced maintenance of effort (MOE) provisions and establishing a 5-year capital plan for the State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) systems. Both MOE (S.1596-A) and the 5-year capital plan (S.1625) were important initiatives put forth with bipartisan support of both the Senate and Assembly.

When NYSUNY 2020 was first established in 2011, a maintenance of effort provision was enacted that would require the Governor to support both the SUNY and CUNY university systems at levels no less than the prior fiscal year. Both SUNY and CUNY had been recovering from cuts and unpredictable levels of funding. This original legislation was an agreement that the state, the public colleges, and the students would share in the goal of driving increased funding into the state higher education system. At that point, tuition increases were enacted that would total \$1,500 per student over five years. The intention was that these increases would then be matched by a proper investment by the state through the maintenance of effort provisions. This ensured that no cuts could be made to the SUNY and CUNY systems unless there was a fiscal crisis.

However, as the tuition burden increased on the students, the State did not keep its commitment to maintenance of effort because the Governor and the Legislature disagreed on what should be funded under this initiative. The Legislature advocated for the inclusion of all collective bargaining costs, any mandatory costs, utility costs, costs incurred by the SUNY university hospitals and fringe benefits in this provision. Due to this disagreement, the Legislature introduced legislation that stated this intention clearly in 2015. That legislation passed both houses, and was sent to the Governor. Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed both bills.

The maintenance of effort provision was set to expire in 2016, and during the 2016-2017 Budget, there was no resolution to this issue. The provision was allowed to expire. In the 2017-2018 Budget, the Legislature was successful in restoring the original maintenance of effort provisions again for another four years. However, this provision matched the language in 2011, with the addition of covering fringe benefits, and the gap created by the Excelsior Scholarship.

After the conclusion of the State Budget negotiations this year, S.1596-A was introduced to provide for more robust maintenance of effort provisions, along with companion bill, S.1625, that also provided for predictable capital funding for the two university systems over five years. The Legislature was able to pass these two pieces of legislation with unanimous support through both houses, again signaling the need for proper state operating and capital funding. Unfortunately, despite the Legislature's efforts, the Governor again vetoed both bills.

Both of these bills are critically important. Without proper investment in the human capital component in the form of full-time faculty, students will have a harder time getting the proper class offerings and the percentage of students completing on time will decrease. With the enactment of the Excelsior Scholarship and its goal of incentivizing on time completion, it is

hard to ignore the ramifications of the lack of a robust maintenance of effort provision and 5-year capital plan.

## COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

The Higher Education Committee is responsible for the review and analysis of legislation affecting various colleges and universities, public and private, within the State. This year, much of the State budget discussions focused around the Excelsior Scholarship, but there were many other wide ranging issues that affected the higher education institutions in the State. The committee also reviewed legislation on a variety of topics, ranging from scholarship programs and TAP expansion for special circumstances, to issues dealing with private colleges and the public university systems.

### **Expanding the New York State STEM Incentive Program to Private Colleges**

The Committee advanced legislation (S.2466-A) sponsored by the Chairman, that would include private colleges in the awards granted by New York State STEM Incentive Program. Currently, awards will only go to students who choose to attend a SUNY or CUNY school. However, there are many STEM programs at private colleges in New York State. This legislation would allow a student to get an award if that student chose to go to a private college. This legislation passed both houses of the Legislature and was subsequently vetoed by the Governor.

### **Expanding the New York State Masters in Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program to Private Colleges**

The Committee advanced legislation (S.2482-C) sponsored by the Chairman, which would include the private colleges in the awards granted by the New York State Masters in Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program. Currently, awards will only go to students who choose to attend SUNY and CUNY institutions. This legislation would allow a student to get an award if that student chose to go to a private college. The legislation passed both houses of the Legislature and was subsequently vetoed by the Governor.

### **Extending TAP Eligibility for Students Forced to Transfer Due to Sudden College Closure**

The Committee advanced legislation (S.1243) sponsored by the Chairman, that would extend eligibility for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for undergraduate students who were forced to transfer to another institution as a result of a permanent college closure. This legislation was developed due to Dowling College's sudden permanent closure, and the ensuing issues many students had after they had to come up with an alternate plan to finish their education. This legislation passed the Senate.

### **Exemption for Certified Teachers Holding Graduate Degrees Pursuing Further Masters Education**

The Committee advanced legislation (Chapter 454 of 2017) sponsored by the Chairman, that created an exemption for certified teachers and school administrators who already hold graduate degrees. If such certified teacher or school administrator applied for another graduate program, they would not have to take the Graduate Record Examination. This would significantly help teachers and school administrators looking to get educational requirements to enhance their current career track.

**Expanding the Enhanced Tuition Award Program to Proprietary Colleges**

The committee advanced legislation (S.5891), sponsored by Senator Klein, that would open the Enhanced Tuition Award Program to students attending proprietary colleges in the State. Previously, when scholarship programs have been enacted, proprietary colleges were usually included. The Legislature felt this was an oversight that must be corrected based on past precedent. This legislation passed both houses of the Legislature and was subsequently vetoed by the Governor.

**Exemption for Photography from Registration as a Licensed Private Career School**

The Committee advanced legislation (Chapter 298 of the laws of 2017), sponsored by Senator Serino, that would exempt schools who provide non-credit bearing instruction on the art of photography from having to be registered as a licensed private career school with the State Education Department. This change alleviates non-credit bearing institutions from the costs and regulations required of their credit-bearing counterparts, thus allowing them to keep costs down for those who seek to advance their skills in photography as a hobby or art form.

## **THE PROFESSIONS**

The Higher Education Committee is responsible for the review and analysis of legislation affecting various licensed professions within the State. This year, most of the discussions relating to the professions took place after the passage of the 2017-2018 State Budget. The Committee reviewed legislation on a variety of topics, ranging from licensure for athletic trainers, licensure for genetic counselors, licensure for school psychologists, limited licenses, professional discipline and more.

### **Licensure of Athletic Trainers**

The Committee advanced legislation (S.1356-B), sponsored by Senator Funke, relating to licensure of athletic trainers. The legislation provides many needed updates to the athletic trainers' scope of practice, and provides clarity to the setting restriction that is in the current statute for registration of athletic trainers. The scope of practice would expand to allow athletic trainers to work with athletes off a sports field, and allow these professionals to have a more flexible role in training athletes who are not professional athletes. Allowing licensure for athletic trainers would provide more public protection, especially in dealing with sports injuries and concussion management. This legislation passed the Senate.

### **Licensure of Genetic Counselors**

The committee advanced legislation (S.1323-A), sponsored by the Chairman, relating to licensure of genetic counselors. This legislation would create a scope of practice for genetic counselors, including education and experience requirements. This legislation also would deal with the unique issue of corporate practice for this profession and create a process to hold corporate settings that employ genetic counselors accountable in cases of wrongdoing. This legislation died in the Rules Committee.

### **Licensure of School Psychologists**

The Committee advanced legislation (S.692-B), sponsored by Senator Ortt, relating to licensure of school psychologists. Currently, school psychologists are only eligible for certification in the State. This would elevate the profession to the level of licensure and provide for a pilot program for school psychologists to work with other professionals on the issue of heroin and opioid addiction in children. This legislation passed the Senate.

### **Protection of the Title of “Doctor of Physical Therapy”**

The Committee advanced legislation (Chapter 354 of 2017), sponsored by the Chairman, that would protect the title “doctor of physical therapy” and the abbreviation “D.P.T.” from use by any person who is unlicensed or not otherwise authorized by Article 136 of the Education Law.

### **Changing the Counting of Representation for the New York State Dental Association**

The Committee advanced legislation (Chapter 288 of 2017), sponsored by Senator Croci, that would eliminate the requirement that voting representation be tracked differently from actual membership in a local component dental society. Due to the change in how the computerized membership system is used, this technical correction is necessary to allow the New York State Dental Association to implement the new computerized membership system.

**Limited Licenses for Speech Language Pathologists**

The Committee advanced legislation (Chapter 202 of 2017), sponsored by Senator Funke, which allows for limited licenses for speech language pathologists. This will create consistency with the rest of the professions that allow for limited licenses.



## LOOKING AHEAD: COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

College costs and student debt continue to be major areas of concern for New Yorkers and the entire nation. The New York State Comptroller reported in September 2016 that, as of 2015, nationwide student loan debt was a little more than \$1.2 trillion. In New York State, the current student debt load is \$82 billion. Student debt in New York has doubled over the last decade.

One of the major problems with increasing student debt is the impact it will have on the economy in the future. Students leave their undergraduate education with high payments and lower incomes. One of the major issues is that public higher education is becoming less of an affordable option. NY-SUNY 2020, which allowed the Boards of Trustees to raise tuition by up to \$300 each year for the last five years, made many critical of increasing the burden on the students after both the State University of New York (SUNY) and the City University of New York (CUNY) raised tuition the maximum amount each year, totaling a \$1,500 increase in tuition per student at both institutions going forward. In the 2016-2017 Budget, SUNY and CUNY tuition was frozen for an academic year.

However, in the 2017-2018 Budget, tuition increases of up to \$200 were authorized for another four years. The Senate Higher Education Committee advanced two proposals, maintenance of effort and the 5-year capital plan for SUNY and CUNY, which would increase state operating and capital support. The Committee will look to increase scholarship opportunities for students across all sectors, public and private, and continue to advance initiatives that ease the burden on students in the coming legislative session.

- **Maintenance of Effort:** Advanced legislation that would require appropriate investment in public higher education. Much of NY-SUNY 2020 was predicated on the fact that the students put up an investment by paying increased tuition, and that the State must make a matching investment by providing better funding levels for SUNY and CUNY schools. This legislation (S.1596-A, vetoed by the Governor), requires that other specific costs are also covered by the State Budget, such as costs incurred by the health science centers, fringe benefits, collective bargaining costs, and other non-personal service costs such as utilities, building rentals and inflationary expenses.
- **Additional TAP for students forced to transfer based on permanent college closure:** Advanced legislation (S.1243) that would allow a student two additional semesters of TAP in the case where the student is forced to transfer because his or her college permanently closed.
- **Enhanced Tuition Award Program:** During the 2017-2018 Budget, this program was created for students attending private colleges. Students would be eligible to apply for an award based on an income threshold. For the 2017-2018 academic year, a student would be eligible if his or her family's adjusted gross income (AGI) is under \$100,000; for the 2018-2019 academic year his or her family AGI must be under \$110,000; and for the 2019-2020 academic year his or her family AGI must be under \$125,000. Each award would consist of up to \$3,000 from the State and up to \$3,000 in a match from the participating institution. Institutions were able to opt-in to the program on a yearly basis.

Institutions who opt in to the ETA program must also agree to freeze the receiving student's tuition at the rate the student paid when he or she was first awarded the scholarship and the rate cannot be increased for the duration of time the student remains eligible and receives ETA. The Committee will assess how this program is performing and if any legislation is necessary to boost participation.

- **Expanding the STEM Incentive Scholarship to Students Attending Private Colleges:** Advanced legislation (S.2466-A, vetoed by the Governor) that would expand eligibility for this scholarship to students attending private institutions. Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed this measure this year. However, this legislation is still necessary in order to give as many students the opportunity to attend the institution that is the best fit for them.
- **Expanding the Masters in Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship to Students Attending Private Colleges:** Advanced legislation (S.2482-C, vetoed by the Governor) would expand eligibility for this scholarship to students attending private institutions. The Committee still believes expanding access and choice is critically important for students across New York State and will continue to advocate for this provision in the upcoming legislative session.
- **NewSTART:** Advanced legislation (S.2554) that would allow eligible students to refinance their private student loans through the State at a lower interest rate. Students who attended a SUNY or CUNY institution and had private loans would pay back the state based on annual salary and ability to pay.

## **LOOKING AHEAD: THE PROFESSIONS**

Three major issues discussed this Session will continue into next Session. The exemption in current law for those employed by certain agencies in the State from licensure was in the 2016-2017 Executive Budget. Both licensure of genetic counselors and professional discipline have been discussed by the Committee this year.

### **Social Work, Mental Health and Psychology Licensure**

In 2002, New York State enacted laws to restrict the practice of psychotherapy and related services to those licensed by the State Education Department (SED). These laws exempted from the licensure requirements individuals employed by programs and services regulated, operated, funded or approved by the Office of Mental Health (OMH), Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), and the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). Legislation enacted in subsequent years expanded these exemptions to the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), Department of Health (DOH), State Office for the Aging (SOFA), and the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS).

At the time of original enactment, the profession of psychology received a permanent exemption from licensure for individuals employed by governmental entities. However, the exemption from licensure for social workers and mental health practitioners was intended to be temporary.

Last year, in the 2016-2017 Executive Budget, the Governor estimated that the cost of ending the exemption for unlicensed professionals would be \$360 million. The Legislature, the agencies and the Governor have agreed to extend the exemption until 2018 in order to continue negotiations and come to an agreement so there is time to phase in the end of the exemption and hire more licensed professionals.

### **Licensure of Genetic Counselors**

The field of genetic counseling has become extremely significant because it allows people to understand how their heredity contributes to risk for certain diseases and conditions based on family genetic history. This field has continued to evolve and grow rapidly, and genetic counselors have played an increasing role in the daily lives of New Yorkers and people across the country.

This year, the Chairman advanced legislation through Committee that would allow for licensure of genetic counselors. The main point of contention in the legislation is its corporate practice provision. While many genetic counselors technically work in corporate settings, there is concern that there is not enough protection for consumers who would utilize genetic counselors.

### **Professional Discipline**

In 2016, ProPublica, an investigative reporting news source, published an article on the issues with professional discipline in New York in the nursing field. Before the release of this article, the chairs of both the Senate and Higher Education Committees had been working with the State Education Department (SED) to provide necessary reforms for disciplinary actions for bad actors who hold professional licenses in New York. The committee advanced legislation that would give SED the power of summary suspension in the egregious cases, and provide uniformity to all

the professions in their jurisdiction in regard to character and fitness. One of the major issues of contention was related to which professionals this should pertain to, and whether the current provisions in legislation provide for enough due process in serious cases.

## NOMINATIONS

Pursuant to Title VII of the Senate Rules, the Higher Education Committee is charged with reviewing gubernatorial appointments to the Boards of Trustees of the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Cornell University, City University of New York, City University Construction Fund, Higher Education Services Corporation, State University of New York and the State University Construction Fund. In addition, the Committee reviews nominations by the Mayor of the City of New York to the City University Board of Trustees.

Nominees recommended by the Higher Education Committee are referred to the Senate Finance Committee. The following nominees were recommended and approved in 2017:

### State University Board of Trustees

Merryl H. Tisch, Gubernatorial Nomination (New Appointment)

### City University Board of Trustees

Michael Arvanites, Mayoral Nomination (New Appointment)

Henry T. Berger, Mayoral Nomination (New Appointment)

Kevin D. Kim, Gubernatorial Nomination (New Appointment)

### Cornell University Board of Trustees

Martin F. Scheinman, Esq., Gubernatorial Nomination (Reappointment)

Howard Milstein, Gubernatorial Nomination (Reappointment)

## 2017 Chaptered Senate Higher Education Bills

### Chapter Bill No.

- 454 S2487A **LAVALLE** -- Relates to admission requirements for graduate-level teacher and educational leader programs for certified teachers already holding a graduate degree
- 354 S2553 **LAVALLE** -- Provides that the abbreviation of "D.P.T." and title "doctor of physical therapy" may only be used by a person licensed or otherwise authorized by Article 136 of the Education Law to practice physical therapy
- 288 S3516 **CROCI** -- Relates to counting representation in the New York State Dental Association
- 357 S4788A **HANNON** -- Relates to interchangeable biological products
- 298 S5487A **SERINO** -- Relates to licensure of certain private career schools
- 202 S5936A **FUNKE** -- Relates to limited licenses for speech-language pathologists
- 364 S6026A **HELMING** -- Relates to mandatory peer review of certified public accountants

## 2017 Vetoed Senate Higher Education Bills

### Veto No. Bill No.

- 204 S1596A **LAVALLE** -- Relates to state appropriations to the State University of New York and the City University of New York
- 207 S2466A **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the New York State Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Incentive Program
- 217 S2482C **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the New York State masters-in-education teacher Incentive Scholarship Program
- 159 S5171B **FELDER** -- Relates to authorizing pharmacists to refill certain prescriptions
- 213 S5891 **KLEIN** -- Clarifies that enhanced tuition awards are for attendance at private degree granting institutions of higher education

## 2017 Senate Higher Education Committee Bills

### Bill No.

- S143     **KAMINSKY** -- Relates to including scores for international baccalaureate examinations as eligible criteria for receiving a NYS Achievement and Investment Merit Scholarship  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S155     **YOUNG** -- Directs the Board of Trustees of the State University to require applicants to state-operated institutions to state whether they have been convicted of a violent felony offense  
**Significant Act:** Senate Rules
- S256     **ORTT** -- Relates to updating reporting requirements for institutions of higher education  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S263     **HOYLMAN** -- Designates engaging in sexual orientation change efforts by mental health care professionals upon patients under 18 years of age  
**Significant Act:** Senate Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
- S321     **ROBACH** -- Relates to pharmacist immunizations; makes certain provisions permanent  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S376     **ORTT** -- Extends tuition free course benefits to volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S471A    **PERALTA** -- Enacts the New York State DREAM Act; repealer  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S474B    **PERALTA** -- Requires election for registration for organ, eye and tissue donations to be included upon certain state forms; repealer  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S549     **YOUNG** -- Allows eligible non-resident undergraduate students to pay separate tuition rates for attendance at certain institutions  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S570     **HOYLMAN** -- Relates to the practice of pharmacy and administration of immunizations  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education

- S599 **BOYLE** -- Relates to creating a license requirement for the profession of prosthetics  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S600 **BOYLE** -- Relates to Tuition Assistance Program award determinations for certain institutions and schools  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S621 **BOYLE** -- Requires veterinarians to report suspected animal cruelty  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S629 **BOYLE** -- Requires alcohol and substance use screening for all incoming college students  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S650 **KENNEDY** -- Relates to continuing medical education requirements for doctors, nurses and pharmacists  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S692B **ORTT** -- Provides for licensure of school psychologists  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S713 **ORTT** -- Requires optical stores to be registered with the education department  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S719 **ORTT** -- Establishes the Community College Merit and Mobility Scholarship  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S743 **RITCHIE** -- Authorizes dental hygienists to provide such services in collaboration with a licensed dentist  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S755 **RITCHIE** -- Establishes the volunteer firefighters of New York Higher Education Learning Plan  
**Significant Act:** Senate Finance
- S771 **STEWART-COUSINS** -- Provides for the trustees of the State University of New York to establish a college of engineering and applied sciences in the city of Yonkers  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S776 **CARLUCCI** -- Relates to increasing the cap on earnings for eligible individuals with no dependents receiving Tuition Assistance Program awards  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S815 **BOYLE** -- Requires continuing medical education for physicians  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education



- S885      **GOLDEN** -- Relates to certain tuition waivers for police officer students of the City University of New York and SUNY  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S914      **CROCI** -- Relates to the legislative power of the University of the State of New York  
**Significant Act:** Senate Education
- S915      **CROCI** -- Relates to the legislature's power over the Board of Regents  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1010     **ROBACH** -- Grants volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians academic credit at SUNY and CUNY  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1031     **BONACIC** -- Relates to housing allowances under the World Trade Center memorial scholarships  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1043B   **FUNKE** -- Relates to authorizing pharmacy interns to administer immunizations  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1091     **RIVERA** -- Relates to certain tuition waivers for police officer students of the State University of New York and the City University of New York  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1092     **RIVERA** -- Requires the conducting of a study of feasible alternative methods of funding a college education at public four-year institutions of higher learning in New York state  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1110     **FELDER** -- Permits persons 65 years of age to enroll in a limited number of state university courses for credit without tuition  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1160     **CARLUCCI** -- Establishes the New York state pre-paid tuition plan by which a person may contribute to an account for the pre-payment of college tuition, tax free  
**Significant Act:** Senate Finance
- S1171     **CARLUCCI** -- Allows disabled students to increase duration limits for student financial aid awards  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1197     **PERSAUD** -- Relates to required coursework and training in reporting cases of suspected child abuse  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education

- S1243     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to eligibility for tuition assistance program awards for certain undergraduates who must transfer to another institution as a result of a permanent college closure  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1306     **AVELLA** -- Establishes committee on university boards of trustees nominations to nominate candidates for boards of trustees of state university, city university and college of environmental science and forestry  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1323A    **LAVALLE** -- Provides for the licensing of genetic counselors; creates the State Board for Genetic Counseling  
**Significant Act:** Senate Rules
- S1345     **FUNKE** -- Requires that no scholarship, grant or award offered by a state university of New York college shall require the student to reside on campus  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1350     **ALCANTARA** -- Provides state-aided scholarship opportunities for SUNY, CUNY or community college students who are without lawful immigration status or who are undocumented  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1356B    **FUNKE** -- Relates to the licensure of athletic trainers  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1359     **MURPHY** -- Requires state licensure of persons in the practice of orthopaedic technology  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1380A    **LAVALLE** -- Relates to mandatory reporting of convictions and misconduct proceedings  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1385     **GALLIVAN** -- Provides for the certification by the education department of certified registered nurse anesthetists  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1393     **COMRIE** -- Relates to Tuition Assistance Program awards  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1441     **FUNKE** -- Creates a service learning program for students serving as active volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers  
**Significant Act:** Senate Rules

- S1499     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to charges for community colleges for non-resident and out-of-state students  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1518A    **AVELLA** -- Authorizes and directs the boards of trustees of SUNY and CUNY to review and revise the report of the New York State Governor's Task Force on Campus Fire Safety  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1521     **AVELLA** -- Establishes the New York State nursing faculty scholarship incentive program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1560     **AVELLA** -- Relates to observance of certain holidays by institutions within the State University and the City University of New York  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1596A    **LAVALLE** -- Relates to state appropriations to the State University of New York and the City University of New York  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A934A - Vetoed Memorandum 204
- S1637     **GOLDEN** -- Requires regulations to permit tuition waivers for two courses for firefighter students in baccalaureate/higher degree CUNY programs  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1655     **CARLUCCI** -- Establishes under the direction of the State Board of Pharmacy a drug repository program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1657     **CARLUCCI** -- Enacts the Empire Engineers Initiative Act  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1722     **CARLUCCI** -- Extends the duration of tuition assistance awards to five years  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1737     **PARKER** -- Establishes the interagency task force on health literacy  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1778     **AVELLA** -- Relates to requiring pharmacists to furnish records of immunizations administered at pharmacies to the primary care physician of the person receiving such immunization  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1813     **KENNEDY** -- Establishes the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service volunteer tuition assistance grant program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Rules

- S1818 **KENNEDY** -- Relates to requiring mandated reporters to receive coursework or training regarding the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1837 **KENNEDY** -- Relates to academic credit for veterans  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1858A **BONACIC** -- Authorizes summer camps to hire certain licensed professionals to provide services  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S1896A **AVELLA** -- Relates to the practice of certified interior design; repealer  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1920A **RITCHIE** -- Relates to providing loan forgiveness for agriculture educators  
**Significant Act:** Senate Finance
- S1922 **RITCHIE** -- Relates to allowing physician assistants to partner with physicians  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S1957 **LATIMER** -- Relates to the practice of registered professional nursing by a certified registered nurse anesthetist  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2020 **SANDERS** -- Relates to the establishment of the New York State Promise Program; appropriation  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2060 **LAVALLE** -- Requires the regents to include certain information with respect to increased costs when altering or amending rules or regulations  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2061 **LAVALLE** -- Provides that institutions of higher education shall compile reports regarding foreign students enrolled in such institutions  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2071 **LAVALLE** -- Requires mandatory continuing education for nurses  
**Significant Act:** Senate Finance
- S2073 **LAVALLE** -- Provides for disclosure of relationships between institutions of higher education and study abroad programs  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee

- S2103     **JACOBS** -- Relates to recommendations by the Regional State University of New York Community College Councils  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2156     **SERINO** -- Relates to establishing the collegiate emergency medical services pilot program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2210A    **LAVALLE** -- Provides for financial disclosure by employees of foundations of state operated campuses, including the Research Foundation of the State University of New York  
**Significant Act:** Senate Rules
- S2212     **LAVALLE** -- Mandates attendance by members appointed by the governor at meetings of councils of state-operated institutions  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2213A    **LAVALLE** -- Relates to Tuition Assistance Program awards  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2231B    **LAVALLE** -- Provides for the licensure of dietitians and nutritionists; repealer  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2232     **LAVALLE** -- Establishes the retrain and employ unemployed persons program  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2246     **HANNON** -- Relates to the performance of medical services by physician assistants  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2444     **HAMILTON** -- Requires the boards of trustees of SUNY and CUNY each to conduct a study and report on the availability and accessibility of alternatives to traditional textbooks  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2465C    **HAMILTON** -- Relates to requiring teachers colleges to incorporate a course of instruction in mental health  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2466A    **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the New York State Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Incentive Program  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A1808A - Vetoed Memorandum 207
- S2467     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to access to patient or client records in the investigation and prosecution of professional licensing and misconduct proceedings  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee

- S2482C **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the New York State Masters-in-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program  
**Significant Act:** Vetoed Memorandum 217
- S2483A **LAVALLE** -- Relates to increasing Tuition Assistance Program awards  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2485 **LAVALLE** -- Enacts the "New York State Family Tuition Investment Program Act" to provide for the advance purchase of tuition to colleges in the state  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2487A **LAVALLE** -- Relates to admission requirements for graduate-level teacher and educational leader programs for certified teachers already holding a graduate degree  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A3676A - Chaptered 454
- S2488 **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the unauthorized practice of a profession, the unauthorized use of a professional title and the practice of esthetics  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2489A **HANNON** -- Relates to the substitution of brand name epinephrine auto-injectors with alternate epinephrine auto-injectors  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2547 **LAVALLE** -- Provides timeline for the election by the legislature of the regents  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2548 **LAVALLE** -- Requires the inclusion of a fiscal note with the adoption of resolutions or rules and regulations governing educational institutions, which have a fiscal impact  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2550 **LAVALLE** -- Establishes the New York State Educating Leaders for Excellence in Community Transformation Program  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2552 **LAVALLE** -- Provides increased penalties and education for hazing, underage drinking and drug use within athletic teams, fraternities and sororities at college campuses  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2553 **LAVALLE** -- Provides that the abbreviation of "D.P.T." and title "doctor of physical therapy" may only be used by a person licensed or otherwise authorized by Article 136 of the Education Law to practice physical therapy  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A7467 - Chaptered 354
- S2554 **LAVALLE** -- Establishes the New York student affordable refinancing for tomorrow program (New START)  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee

- S2603     **LAVALLE** -- Establishes the "help individuals reach employment program" (HIRE)  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2622     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the financing of community colleges  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2623     **LAVALLE** -- Provides that colleges shall annually notify parents of certain rights  
under the federal family educational rights and privacy act  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2624     **LAVALLE** -- Provides that complaints brought against mental health professionals  
shall be commenced within ten years of the date of the last treatment  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2625     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the election of regents and the creation of the commission on  
regents  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S2628     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to management of therapeutic diet orders in a facility  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2660     **HAMILTON** -- Requires state to pay all capital costs of the Medgar Evers College of  
the City University of New York  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2681     **PARKER** -- Enacts the "Nurse of Tomorrow Act of 2017" to provide for grants to  
certain hospitals, schools and other entities for nurse recruitment, education and  
retention  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2692     **BRESLIN** -- Relates to establishing additional loan forgiveness benefits  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2751     **LAVALLE** -- Requires the State University Trustees to establish a process to eliminate  
or reduce duplication of academic degree programs within the state university system  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2752     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to establishing the State University commercialization facilities  
use policy  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2753     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to approved programs and examinations for applicants for a  
license as a physician assistant  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education

- S2756     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to conditions of registration for nonresident pharmacies  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S2772     **RITCHIE** -- Relates to granting academic credit to volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers and volunteer emergency medical technicians  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3026     **RANZENHOFER** -- Requires regulations authorizing computer science courses to count towards liberal arts content at institutions of higher learning  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S3080     **PARKER** -- Requires colleges and universities to provide all incoming and current students with information relating to suicide prevention and resources  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3082     **PARKER** -- Relates to compliance with federal reporting standards for incidences of sexual assault on SUNY and CUNY campuses  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3083     **PARKER** -- Establishes a parent and student training center within the City University of New York  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3278     **PARKER** -- Provides for the establishment of life-long learning centers within the State University to provide courses to persons 40 or older seeking to explore life options  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3381     **GRIFFO** -- Provides for the licensing of vision impairment specialists  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S3411     **PARKER** -- Create an income driven repayment plan for private student loans held by New York state banking institutions  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3428     **PARKER** -- Codifies state university of New York educational opportunity centers  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3456     **SERRANO** -- Requires cultural awareness and competence training for medical professionals  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3485     **GOLDEN** -- Creates a commission to evaluate the need for community colleges to participate in the educational opportunity program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education



- S3490 **BAILEY** -- Requires that the training required of certain health care professionals for identification and reporting of child abuse include a domestic violence component  
**Significant Act:** Enacting Clause Stricken
- S3501 **BAILEY** -- Establishes certification procedures for the profession of nurse anesthesia  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3516 **CROCI** -- Relates to counting representation in the New York State Dental Association  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A5984 - Chaptered 288
- S3520A **FLANAGAN** -- Relates to the educational preparation for practice of professional nursing  
**Significant Act:** Senate Rules
- S3551 **GOLDEN** -- Relates to the practice of dentistry  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3570B **VALESKY** -- Relates to procedures performed by cardiovascular technologists  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3592 **PARKER** -- Allows a person with a master's of social work degree who meets certain requirements to file to be licensed within one year of the effective date of this act  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3613 **PARKER** -- Provides an annual scholarship of \$1000 for students with a minimum 3.0 high school GPA who attend a New York state public postsecondary institution  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3629 **PARKER** -- Requires the establishment of an appeals process for students who are denied the state resident tuition rate at any public university or college  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3735 **MONTGOMERY** -- Authorizes academic performance awards for incarcerated persons; repealer  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3736 **MONTGOMERY** -- Directs the Board of Regents and the State Education Department to develop a model for improved articulation of the education program for career mobility  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3750 **PARKER** -- Establishes duties for pharmacies when pharmacists employed by such pharmacy refuse to fill prescriptions on the basis of personal beliefs  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education

- S3766     **ROBACH** -- Includes the term "diagnosis" within the definition of the practice of mental health practitioners  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3768     **FUNKE** -- Relates to student financial aid programs  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3769     **FUNKE** -- Relates to the New York State district attorney and indigent legal services attorney loan forgiveness program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3792     **KRUEGER** -- Relates to the dispensing of contraceptive drugs and devices that are self-administered  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3793     **KRUEGER** -- Provides for dispensing emergency contraception under certain conditions  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3813     **SANDERS** -- Relates to the application for admission to the practice of a profession by a veteran admitted to practice in another jurisdiction  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S3819     **LAVALLE** -- Expands the eligibility and increases the number of awards for the New York State Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3834     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the unlawful sale of dissertations, theses and term papers  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S3842     **RITCHIE** -- Creates a regents large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Finance
- S3851     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to certified public accountants  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S3858     **LAVALLE** -- Requires that when a tree is removed from a campus in the State University of New York system, another tree shall be planted on such campus  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S3886     **RANZENHOFER** -- Relates to the repayment of awards under the New York State Math and Science Teaching Incentive Program  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S3914     **LAVALLE** -- Establishes teachers and teaching assistants as licensed professionals  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education

- S3949 **YOUNG** -- Authorizes the State University trustees to offer separate tuition rates to certain nonresident undergraduate students attending selected state-operated institutions  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S3992 **STAVISKY** -- Enacts the higher education community service act to promote volunteer service by higher education students  
**Significant Act:** Senate Finance
- S4079 **STAVISKY** -- Relates to immigration status of registered students  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4122 **LAVALLE** -- Enacts the "higher education community service opportunity act"  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4123 **LAVALLE** -- Requires that consumer representatives be appointed to state boards for the professions  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4130 **LAVALLE** -- Relates to certain contracts for State University of New York health care facilities  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4131 **LAVALLE** -- Relates to pre and post test reporting requirements, test site registration and sign in  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4132 **LAVALLE** -- Creates the New York State Tuition Savings Program and the New York state pre-pay tuition fund and reduces distributions from the New York state pre-pay tuition savings program from adjusted gross income  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4133 **LAVALLE** -- Enacts the "Pay It Forward, Pay It Back Program"  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4137 **LAVALLE** -- Relates to regents awards for children of deceased police officers, peace officers, firefighters and volunteer firefighters  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4138 **LAVALLE** -- Provides that vacancies in the Office of Regent shall be filled by appointment  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S4139 **TEDISCO** -- Establishes a baccalaureate and associate nursing assistance program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education

- S4296     **LAVALLE** -- Includes nurse practitioners as a provider of services for purposes of collaborative drug therapy management and makes the authorization for pharmacists to perform such management permanent  
**Significant Act:** Senate Rules
- S4297     **LAVALLE** -- Regulates the practice of naturopathic medicine  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4334     **BAILEY** -- Directs State University trustees to promulgate and enforce a sweat-free code of conduct for the licensing and purchase of apparel at colleges of State University  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4360     **VALESKY** -- Relates to the compounding, dispensing and sale of pharmaceuticals  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4375     **FUNKE** -- Relates to permitting physicians employed by a sports team to practice medicine in New York State in connection with such team  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S4397     **LAVALLE** -- Establishes an automatic application program for state high school students into SUNY and CUNY  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4422     **DEFRANCISCO** -- Provides for the registration of professional nurse anesthetist  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4425     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to out-of-state clinical laboratory practitioners  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S4481     **VALESKY** -- Relates to contracts for the Arthur O. Eve Opportunity for Higher Education  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4498     **LANZA** -- Provides for the certification of psychologists to prescribe drugs  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4559     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to state reimbursement to counties for amounts paid on behalf of non-resident students in attendance at the Fashion Institute of Technology  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S4577A    **GALLIVAN** -- Authorizes colleges to offer additional programs or degrees if they have met certain criteria  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education

- S4599 **RITCHIE** -- Relates to the practice of applied behavior analysis  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4616 **GRIFFO** -- Allows eligible non-resident undergraduate students to pay separate tuition rates for attendance at the State University College of Arts and Sciences at Potsdam  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S4625 **HAMILTON** -- Relates to establishing the New York State Higher Education Debt Consolidation and Refinancing Program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4664 **SANDERS** -- Relates to mandating continuing education for certified interior designers  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4671 **SANDERS** -- Relates to establishing the New York State Loan Redemption Program for certain public school teachers  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4674 **SANDERS** -- Establishes the New York State Employee Loan Forgiveness Program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4675 **SANDERS** -- Relates to admission opportunities for a city university or state university of New York  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4676 **SANDERS** -- Relates to requiring pharmacies to post signs regarding the sale of emergency contraception  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4734 **VALESKY** -- Makes technical corrections to the practice of podiatry  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4749 **STAVISKY** -- Enacts tuition-free NY to provide free tuition at SUNY, CUNY and community colleges  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4788A **HANNON** -- Relates to interchangeable biological products  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A7509A - Chaptered 357
- S4794 **KAMINSKY** -- Relates to free tuition for New York State residents serving as volunteer firefighters at certain colleges  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education

- S4837 **KLEIN** -- Prohibits the use of state aid by colleges and universities to fund or provide membership in academic institutions that are boycotting a country or higher education institutions of a country  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S4851 **ORTT** -- Provides for the award of scholarships and loan forgiveness for dentists and podiatrists on the same terms as physicians  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4874 **DIAZ** -- Establishes the office for diversity and educational equity within the State University of New York administration  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4877 **DIAZ** -- Prohibits the deferral of awards granted under the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S4978 **DIAZ** -- Relates to requiring the hiring of a professional search firm with a history of recruiting minority candidates  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5045 **HANNON** -- Relates to the use and sale of tobacco at state-operated institutions of the State University of New York  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5077 **GOLDEN** -- Relates to eligibility of community colleges for state aid  
**Significant Act:** Enacting Clause Stricken
- S5120 **HAMILTON** -- Establishes a Private Student Loan Refinance Task Force  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S5124 **HELMING** -- Relates to requiring health care facilities to report incidents of a sexual offense to the departments of both health and education  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5136 **KLEIN** -- Establishes the college debt freedom account program  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S5171B **FELDER** -- Relates to authorizing pharmacists to refill certain prescriptions  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A6371B - Vetoed Memorandum 159
- S5182 **RANZENHOFER** -- Relates to streamlining higher education program approvals  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S5235 **FUNKE** -- Relates to the use of oral medications by optometrists  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education

- S5259     **LANZA** -- Increases the household threshold income cap on tuition assistance from 80,000 to 100,000  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5261     **LANZA** -- Permits the Commissioner of Education to include graduate programs as programs eligible for approval under the state tuition assistance program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5264     **FUNKE** -- Relates to the licensing of professional and clinical music therapists  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5462A    **YOUNG** -- Directs the Board of Trustees of the state university to require applicants to state-operated institutions to state whether they have been convicted of a violent felony sex offense or multiple counts of sexual misconduct  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S5464     **LATIMER** -- Provides for the licensing and regulation of the profession of reflexology  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5487A    **SERINO** -- Relates to licensure of certain private career schools  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A7184A - Chaptered 298
- S5552B    **RITCHIE** -- Relates to providing loan forgiveness for mental health nurses  
**Significant Act:** Senate Finance
- S5554     **YOUNG** -- Authorizes pharmacists to administer immunizations to prevent influenza to persons six or older  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5567A    **LAVALLE** -- Relates to notification requirements when a college plans to dissolve any athletic team  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S5575     **LAVALLE** -- Requires the State University and the City University of New York to disclose the costs of providing and those imposed for room and board on each campus  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S5584B    **GRIFFO** -- Establishes requirements for registered and certified pharmacy technicians  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S5617B    **LAVALLE** -- Directs each community college to study the effectiveness of the current full time equivalent funding formula and alternatives thereto  
**Significant Act:** Senate Rules

- S5647     **HOYLMAN** -- Requires SUNY and CUNY trustees refrain from investing in and subsequently divest from stocks, debt or other securities of certain publicly traded fossil fuel companies  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5648     **BAILEY** -- Establishes the New York College Debt Repayment Program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5668     **HAMILTON** -- Relates to establishing the Barbara Clark Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5708     **MONTGOMERY** -- Establishes the foster care higher education scholarship pilot program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5780     **HANNON** -- Provides for the licensing and regulates the practice of anesthesiologist assistants  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5801     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the New York state Dental Faculty Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5851     **MARCELLINO** -- Establishes the New York State Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship; relates to the disposition of moneys from the state lottery fund  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5870     **GRIFFO** -- Enacts the health care professional transparency act  
**Significant Act:** Senate Rules
- S5875     **ROBACH** -- Establishes a common articulation policy at the State of New York and City of New York university systems for granting college credit bearing coursework based upon successful performance on standardized exams  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5891     **KLEIN** -- Clarifies that enhanced tuition awards are for attendance at private degree granting institutions of higher education  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A7697 - Vetoed Memorandum 213
- S5918     **VALESKY** -- Provides for mandatory continuing education for psychologists  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S5931     **STAVISKY** -- Relates to extending scholarship eligibility for certain scholarships  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education



- S5936A **FUNKE** -- Relates to limited licenses for speech-language pathologists  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A7729 - Chaptered 202
- S5975 **FUNKE** -- Relates to the regents establishing a process for colleges to become universities  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6013 **AVELLA** -- Relates to certain immunization and education responsibilities for minors  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6024 **GRIFFO** -- Relates to removing limits on licensed physical therapists treating patients without a referral  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6026A **HELMING** -- Relates to mandatory peer review of certified public accountants  
**Significant Act:** Substituted By A7895A - Chaptered 364
- S6087 **MARCELLINO** -- Relates to continuing the early college high school program and the pathways in technology early college high school program in this state  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S6103C **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the requirements for a license as a professional land surveyor  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6104 **LAVALLE** -- Requires non-resident pharmacy, manufacturing, wholesale or outsourcing facilities to be inspected and comply with the verified pharmacy program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6125 **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the accreditation of non-resident pharmacy, manufacturing, wholesale or outsourcing facilities that ship, mail or deliver prescription drugs or devices to entities in New York  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6126A **MURPHY** -- Relates to right to use campus for free speech activities  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6184 **LANZA** -- Relates to establishing the John J. Marchi government studies scholarship program for certain CUNY students  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6196 **PERALTA** -- Requires election for registration for organ, eye and tissue donations to be included upon applications for student loans and aid; repealer  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S6227 **BROOKS** -- Relates to the part-time tuition assistance program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education

- S6228     **BROOKS** -- Relates to the New York State Part-Time Scholarship Program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6240     **AKSHAR** -- Relates to establishing student loan repayment accounts  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6299     **LAVALLE** -- Directs the board of trustees of the State University of New York and the city university of New York to report on the current composition of faculty at four year campuses and community colleges  
**Significant Act:** Passed Senate referred to Assembly Committee
- S6379     **KRUEGER** -- Relates to clarifying the status of certain persons exempt from optometrist license requirements  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6380     **KRUEGER** -- Relates to prohibiting pharmacists from refusing to dispense medication for philosophical reasons  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6418     **KENNEDY** -- Establishes the Child Care Professionals Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6440     **STAVISKY** -- Establishes a service corps education grant to be used for tuition costs or loan repayment; and provides for funding for the service corps education grant  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education
- S6510     **LAVALLE** -- Relates to the transfer of certain funds from the licensed private career schools tuition reimbursement account to the proprietary vocational school supervision account  
**Significant Act:** Senate Higher Education



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