



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Effort for the State University of New York (SUNY) and the City University of New York (CUNY)

PURPOSE: To examine the current maintenance of effort provisions for SUNY and CUNY and the potential expansion of such maintenance of effort provisions.

**Albany, New York
Wednesday
December 5, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Roosevelt Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building**

Chapter 260 of the Laws of 2011 established maintenance of effort provisions for SUNY and CUNY that required the State to provide general fund operating support, including fringe benefits, in an amount not less than the amount appropriated and made available in the prior State fiscal year unless the Executive declared a fiscal emergency. This law was in effect until July 1, 2016 when it briefly expired but was reinstated in the 2017-18 State Budget and is currently in effect until July 1, 2021.

The purpose of this hearing is to examine the current maintenance of effort provisions for SUNY and CUNY. Specifically, the Committee is seeking testimony from stakeholders on the changes in state support that have occurred as a result of the enactment of the maintenance of effort provisions for SUNY and CUNY; any new services that are being provided to students at SUNY and CUNY; any gaps in services that remain at SUNY and CUNY; how the changing demographics of students in college may be impacting SUNY and CUNY's ability to serve its students (i.e. homelessness, food insecurity, mental health issues, etc.); the ratio of full-time faculty to adjunct faculty; and, the significant decrease in state support for the SUNY Health Science Centers and any impact it may be having on access to quality health care in our local communities around New York State.

The Committee will also seek testimony from stakeholders on the legislative proposal to expand the maintenance of effort to include the SUNY Health Science Centers, all mandatory costs of SUNY and CUNY, including collective bargaining, salary increments, and other non-personal service costs such as utility costs, building rentals, and other inflationary expenses, and any increase in the tuition credit enacted by SUNY and CUNY.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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Hon. Deborah J. Glick
Member of Assembly
Chairperson
Committee on Higher Education

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on Maintenance of Effort for the State University of New York (SUNY) and the City University of New York (CUNY) on December 5, 2018.
- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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