



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## **Mid Hudson News: Law requires high school student government program**

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Group picture of students with members of the Orange County Legislature for Youth-in-Government day. Photo provided.

ALBANY- In an effort to boost civic understanding and engagement every high school in the state is now required to have a peer-selected student government. Many schools in the state have student government programs, but those that do not must establish one by September 2024.

“Education is the great equalizer for young New Yorkers,” said Hochul. “This legislation proves that we’re not just changing policy – we are creating environments where every family has the knowledge to best support their kids on their educational journey and students have the opportunity to practice civic engagement through opportunities in their own classroom.”

“Participation in student government is a direct, hands-on way for young people to experience and learn the value of representational democracy,” said State Senator Shelley Mayer (D, Westchester). “I am pleased every high school student in New York State will have the opportunity to participate in student government and learn that their voices are important, and that they have the right — and the obligation — to participate directly in our democracy.”

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