

**NEW YORK STATE SENATOR** 

**Kevin Thomas** 

## 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.

"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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## related legislation

**2019-S7615** 

- Introduced
- o In Committee Assembly
  - o In Committee Senate
- on Floor Calendar Assembly
  - o On Floor Calendar Senate
- Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor

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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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In Senate Committee Higher Education

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