



New York State Senate
Albany, NY

The Senate Majority Conference Higher Education Plan

“Campus Security”

- Provides more enforcement authority for security officers on college campuses
- Expands existing campus security laws and regulations
- Requires every college to develop a security plan that integrates local law enforcement and emergency personnel
- Provides funding for State supported schools to hire additional mental health counselors
- Requires campuses to conduct emergency drills

“Student Lending Accountability, Transparency and Enforcement Act”

- Establishes protections for students and parents from exploitation by the student loan industry and institutions of higher learning
- Prohibits inappropriate financial arrangements or gifts between lenders and colleges or their employees and bans the practice of revenue sharing
- Requires colleges to disclose all available financing options under federal law to borrowers and potential borrowers
- Ensures a student’s right to choose by making certain that preferred lender lists are prepared based on the interest of borrower and not the financial interest of any college or lending institution

“Promoting Affordability, Access and Quality”

- Increases minimum Tuition Assistance Program award
- Increases the income eligibility cap for dependent and independent students for the Tuition Assistance Program
- Increases deductible tuition expenses for families
- Provides tax credit for payment of student loans for students who stay in New York State and earn less than \$50,000
- Expands the New York State Math, Science, and Engineering Teaching Incentive Program. Recipients agree to teach math or science on a full-time basis for five years in New York State after graduation and receive tuition reimbursement.
- Creates the Engineering and Technology Initiative to retain undergraduate students who hold degrees in math, science, or engineering and are employed in these fields in New York State by providing annual grants of \$1,000 for the first five years after graduation
- Increases the maximum tuition assistance grant to veterans of all wars

“Fixed Tuition”

- Establishes a tuition lock-in for entering undergraduate freshmen students in SUNY or any senior college at CUNY.