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AN ACT

to amend the education law, in
relation to contracts for excel-
lence; to amend the education law,
in relation to foundation aid; to
amend the education law, in relation
to the establishment of a statewide
dual enrollment policy; to amend the
education law, in relation to allow-
able transportation expenses; to
amend the education law, in relation
to universal pre-kindergarten and

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the Statewide universal full-day pre-kindergarten program; to amend the education law, in relation to state aid adjustments; to amend the education law, in relation to the apportionment of moneys for school aid; to amend chapter 756 of the laws of 1992 relating to funding a program for work force education conducted by the consortium for worker education in New York city, in relation to reimbursement for the 2025-2026 school year withholding a portion of employment preparation education aid and in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to amend the education law, in relation to maximum class sizes for special classes for certain students with disabilities; to amend chapter 82 of the laws of 1995 amending the education law and other laws relating to state aid to school districts and the appropriation of funds for the support of government, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; providing for special apportionment for salary expenses; providing for special apportionment for public pension accruals; providing for set-asides from the state funds which certain districts are receiving from the total foundation aid; providing for support of public libraries; and to repeal certain provisions of the education law relating to calculation of school aid (Part A); to amend the education law, in relation to establishing a universal free school meals program; and to repeal section 925 of the education law relating to the community eligibility provision state subsidy (Part B); to amend the education law, in relation to student use of internet-enabled devices during the school day (Part C); to amend the education law in relation to scholarships awarded to part-time students by the New York state higher education services corporation; to amend the education law, in relation to making conforming changes; to repeal section 666 of the education law, relating to tuition awards for part-time under-

graduate students; and to repeal section 667-c-1 of the education law relating to the New York state part-time scholarship award program (Part D); to amend the education law, in relation to excelsior scholarship awarded to students by the New York state higher education services corporation (Part E); to amend the education law, in relation to creating a New York opportunity promise scholarship (Part F); to amend the executive law and the state finance law, in relation to discriminatory practices by real estate appraisers and further fair housing compliance (Part G); to amend the general business law, in relation to prohibiting collusion through the use of algorithmic devices that enable landlords to unfairly artificially inflate rents or hold units vacant (Part H); to amend the general obligations law, in relation to extending existing security deposit protections to rent regulated tenants (Part I); to amend the real property actions and proceedings law, in relation to determining when a dwelling is abandoned (Part J); to amend the real property tax law, in relation to a tax exemption for residential real property transferred to a low-income household or community land trust (Part K); to amend the private housing finance law, in relation to reduction of taxes pursuant to shelter rent (Part L); to amend the real property tax law, in relation to the applicability of the residential redevelopment inhibited property exemption to all localities in the state (Part M); to utilize reserves in the mortgage insurance fund for various housing purposes (Part N); to amend part N of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, amending the social services law relating to restructuring financing for residential school placements, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part O); to amend the social services law, in relation to certification of child care support centers to place substitute caregivers in licensed and registered child

care programs (Part P); to amend the social services law, in relation to improving maternal and infancy health by increasing public assistance allowances to certain persons (Part Q); to amend the social services law, in relation to increasing the standards of monthly need for aged, blind and disabled persons living in the community (Part R); to amend part W of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016 amending the social services law relating to the powers and duties of the commissioner of social services relating to the appointment of a temporary operator, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part S); to amend the labor law, in relation to revising the healthy terminals act (Part T); to amend the labor law, in relation to limiting liquidated damages in certain frequency of pay violations (Part U); to amend the labor law, in relation to civil penalties for violations of certain provisions for the payment of wages (Part V); to amend the labor law and the penal law, in relation to the civil and criminal penalties for violations of child labor laws (Part W); to amend the labor law and the education law, in relation to digitizing the process by which minors apply for employment certificates or working papers; and to repeal certain provisions of the labor law relating thereto (Part X); to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to annuity to be paid to parents, spouses, and minor children of service members who died while on active duty (Part Y); to amend the executive law, in relation to the requirements for filing a complaint with the division of human rights; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing a discrimination complaints escrow fund (Part Z); and to require the submission of an annual report on the New York state museum (Part AA)

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation
2 necessary to implement the state education, labor, housing and family
3 assistance budget for the 2025-2026 state fiscal year. Each component is
4 wholly contained within a Part identified as Parts A through AA. The
5 effective date for each particular provision contained within such Part
6 is set forth in the last section of such Part. Any provision in any
7 section contained within a Part, including the effective date of the
8 Part, which makes a reference to a section "of this act", when used in
9 connection with that particular component, shall be deemed to mean and
10 refer to the corresponding section of the Part in which it is found.
11 Section three of this act sets forth the general effective date of this
12 act.

13 PART A

14 Section 1. Paragraph e of subdivision 1 of section 211-d of the educa-
15 tion law, as amended by section 1 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of
16 2024, is amended to read as follows:

17 e. Notwithstanding paragraphs a and b of this subdivision, a school
18 district that submitted a contract for excellence for the two thousand
19 eight--two thousand nine school year shall submit a contract for excel-
20 lence for the two thousand nine--two thousand ten school year in
21 conformity with the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of
22 subdivision two of this section unless all schools in the district are
23 identified as in good standing and provided further that, a school
24 district that submitted a contract for excellence for the two thousand
25 nine--two thousand ten school year, unless all schools in the district
26 are identified as in good standing, shall submit a contract for excel-

1 lence for the two thousand eleven--two thousand twelve school year which
2 shall, notwithstanding the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of para-
3 graph a of subdivision two of this section, provide for the expenditure
4 of an amount which shall be not less than the product of the amount
5 approved by the commissioner in the contract for excellence for the two
6 thousand nine--two thousand ten school year, multiplied by the
7 district's gap elimination adjustment percentage and provided further
8 that, a school district that submitted a contract for excellence for the
9 two thousand eleven--two thousand twelve school year, unless all schools
10 in the district are identified as in good standing, shall submit a
11 contract for excellence for the two thousand twelve--two thousand thir-
12 teen school year which shall, notwithstanding the requirements of
13 subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of subdivision two of this section,
14 provide for the expenditure of an amount which shall be not less than
15 the amount approved by the commissioner in the contract for excellence
16 for the two thousand eleven--two thousand twelve school year and
17 provided further that, a school district that submitted a contract for
18 excellence for the two thousand twelve--two thousand thirteen school
19 year, unless all schools in the district are identified as in good
20 standing, shall submit a contract for excellence for the two thousand
21 thirteen--two thousand fourteen school year which shall, notwithstanding
22 the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of subdivision two
23 of this section, provide for the expenditure of an amount which shall be
24 not less than the amount approved by the commissioner in the contract
25 for excellence for the two thousand twelve--two thousand thirteen school
26 year and provided further that, a school district that submitted a
27 contract for excellence for the two thousand thirteen--two thousand
28 fourteen school year, unless all schools in the district are identified

1 as in good standing, shall submit a contract for excellence for the two
2 thousand fourteen--two thousand fifteen school year which shall,
3 notwithstanding the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of
4 subdivision two of this section, provide for the expenditure of an
5 amount which shall be not less than the amount approved by the commis-
6 sioner in the contract for excellence for the two thousand thirteen--two
7 thousand fourteen school year; and provided further that, a school
8 district that submitted a contract for excellence for the two thousand
9 fourteen--two thousand fifteen school year, unless all schools in the
10 district are identified as in good standing, shall submit a contract for
11 excellence for the two thousand fifteen--two thousand sixteen school
12 year which shall, notwithstanding the requirements of subparagraph (vi)
13 of paragraph a of subdivision two of this section, provide for the
14 expenditure of an amount which shall be not less than the amount
15 approved by the commissioner in the contract for excellence for the two
16 thousand fourteen--two thousand fifteen school year; and provided
17 further that a school district that submitted a contract for excellence
18 for the two thousand fifteen--two thousand sixteen school year, unless
19 all schools in the district are identified as in good standing, shall
20 submit a contract for excellence for the two thousand sixteen--two thou-
21 sand seventeen school year which shall, notwithstanding the requirements
22 of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of subdivision two of this section,
23 provide for the expenditure of an amount which shall be not less than
24 the amount approved by the commissioner in the contract for excellence
25 for the two thousand fifteen--two thousand sixteen school year; and
26 provided further that, a school district that submitted a contract for
27 excellence for the two thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen school
28 year, unless all schools in the district are identified as in good

1 standing, shall submit a contract for excellence for the two thousand
2 seventeen--two thousand eighteen school year which shall, notwithstand-
3 ing the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of subdivision
4 two of this section, provide for the expenditure of an amount which
5 shall be not less than the amount approved by the commissioner in the
6 contract for excellence for the two thousand sixteen--two thousand
7 seventeen school year; and provided further that a school district that
8 submitted a contract for excellence for the two thousand seventeen--two
9 thousand eighteen school year, unless all schools in the district are
10 identified as in good standing, shall submit a contract for excellence
11 for the two thousand eighteen--two thousand nineteen school year which
12 shall, notwithstanding the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of para-
13 graph a of subdivision two of this section, provide for the expenditure
14 of an amount which shall be not less than the amount approved by the
15 commissioner in the contract for excellence for the two thousand seven-
16 teen--two thousand eighteen school year; and provided further that, a
17 school district that submitted a contract for excellence for the two
18 thousand eighteen--two thousand nineteen school year, unless all schools
19 in the district are identified as in good standing, shall submit a
20 contract for excellence for the two thousand nineteen--two thousand
21 twenty school year which shall, notwithstanding the requirements of
22 subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of subdivision two of this section,
23 provide for the expenditure of an amount which shall be not less than
24 the amount approved by the commissioner in the contract for excellence
25 for the two thousand eighteen--two thousand nineteen school year; and
26 provided further that, a school district that submitted a contract for
27 excellence for the two thousand nineteen--two thousand twenty school
28 year, unless all schools in the district are identified as in good

1 standing, shall submit a contract for excellence for the two thousand
2 twenty--two thousand twenty-one school year which shall, notwithstanding
3 the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of subdivision two
4 of this section, provide for the expenditure of an amount which shall be
5 not less than the amount approved by the commissioner in the contract
6 for excellence for the two thousand nineteen--two thousand twenty school
7 year; and provided further that, a school district that submitted a
8 contract for excellence for the two thousand twenty--two thousand twen-
9 ty-one school year, unless all schools in the district are identified as
10 in good standing, shall submit a contract for excellence for the two
11 thousand twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two school year which shall,
12 notwithstanding the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of
13 subdivision two of this section, provide for the expenditure of an
14 amount which shall be not less than the amount approved by the commis-
15 sioner in the contract for excellence for the two thousand twenty--two
16 thousand twenty-one school year; and provided further that, a school
17 district that submitted a contract for excellence for the two thousand
18 twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two school year, unless all schools in
19 the district are identified as in good standing, shall submit a contract
20 for excellence for the two thousand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-
21 three school year which shall, notwithstanding the requirements of
22 subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of subdivision two of this section,
23 provide for the expenditure of an amount which shall be not less than
24 the amount approved by the commissioner in the contract for excellence
25 for the two thousand twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two school year;
26 and provided further that, a school district that submitted a contract
27 for excellence for the two thousand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-
28 three school year, unless all schools in the district are identified as

1 in good standing, shall submit a contract for excellence for the two
2 thousand twenty-three--two thousand twenty-four school year which shall,
3 notwithstanding the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of
4 subdivision two of this section, provide for the expenditure of an
5 amount which shall be not less than the amount approved by the commis-
6 sioner in the contract for excellence for the two thousand twenty-two--
7 two thousand twenty-three school year; and provided further that, a
8 school district that submitted a contract for excellence for the two
9 thousand twenty-three--two thousand twenty-four school year, unless all
10 schools in the district are identified as in good standing, shall submit
11 a contract for excellence for the two thousand twenty-four--two thousand
12 twenty-five school year which shall, notwithstanding the requirements of
13 subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of subdivision two of this section,
14 provide for the expenditure of an amount which shall be not less than
15 the amount approved by the commissioner in the contract for excellence
16 for the two thousand twenty-three--two thousand twenty-four school year;
17 and provided further that a school district that submitted a contract
18 for excellence for the two thousand twenty-four--two thousand twenty-
19 five school year, unless all schools in the district are identified as
20 in good standing, shall submit a contract for excellence for the two
21 thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year which shall,
22 notwithstanding the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph a of
23 subdivision two of this section, provide for the expenditure of an
24 amount which shall be not less than the amount approved by the commis-
25 sioner in the contract for excellence for the two thousand twenty-four-
26 -two thousand twenty-five school year; provided, however, that, in a
27 city school district in a city having a population of one million or
28 more, notwithstanding the requirements of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph

1 a of subdivision two of this section, the contract for excellence shall
2 provide for the expenditure as set forth in subparagraph (v) of para-
3 graph a of subdivision two of this section. For purposes of this para-
4 graph, the "gap elimination adjustment percentage" shall be calculated
5 as the sum of one minus the quotient of the sum of the school district's
6 net gap elimination adjustment for two thousand ten--two thousand eleven
7 computed pursuant to chapter fifty-three of the laws of two thousand
8 ten, making appropriations for the support of government, plus the
9 school district's gap elimination adjustment for two thousand eleven--
10 two thousand twelve as computed pursuant to chapter fifty-three of the
11 laws of two thousand eleven, making appropriations for the support of
12 the local assistance budget, including support for general support for
13 public schools, divided by the total aid for adjustment computed pursu-
14 ant to chapter fifty-three of the laws of two thousand eleven, making
15 appropriations for the local assistance budget, including support for
16 general support for public schools. Provided, further, that such amount
17 shall be expended to support and maintain allowable programs and activ-
18 ities approved in the two thousand nine--two thousand ten school year or
19 to support new or expanded allowable programs and activities in the
20 current year.

21 § 2. Paragraph p of subdivision 1 of section 3602 of the education law
22 is REPEALED.

23 § 3. The opening paragraph and subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph
24 q of subdivision 1 of section 3602 of the education law, as amended by
25 section 16 of part YYY of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, are amended to
26 read as follows:

27 "Poverty count" shall mean the sum of the product of the [lunch]
28 economically disadvantaged student count multiplied by sixty-five

1 percent, plus the product of the [census] SAIPE count multiplied by
2 sixty-five percent, where:

3 (i) ["Lunch] "Economically disadvantaged student count" shall mean the
4 product of the public school enrollment of the school district on the
5 date enrollment was counted in accordance with this subdivision for the
6 base year multiplied by the three-year average [free and reduced price
7 lunch percent] economically disadvantaged rate; and

8 (ii) ["Census] "SAIPE count" shall mean the product of the public
9 school enrollment of the school district on the date enrollment was
10 counted in accordance with this subdivision for the base year multiplied
11 by the [census 2000 poverty] three-year average small area income and
12 poverty estimate rate.

13 § 4. Subparagraphs (iii), (iv) and (v) of paragraph q of subdivision 1
14 of section 3602 of the education law are REPEALED.

15 § 5. Paragraph kk of subdivision 1 of section 3602 of the education
16 law is REPEALED.

17 § 6. Paragraph ll of subdivision 1 of section 3602 of the education
18 law, as added by section 11-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of
19 2021, is renumbered subparagraph (iv) of paragraph q of such subdivision
20 1 and is amended to read as follows:

21 (iv) (1) "Economically disadvantaged count" shall be equal to the
22 unduplicated count of all children registered to receive educational
23 services in grades kindergarten through twelve, including children in
24 ungraded programs who participate in, or whose family participates in,
25 economic assistance programs, such as the free or reduced-price lunch
26 programs, Social Security Insurance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
27 Program, Foster Care, Refugee Assistance (cash or medical assistance),
28 Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP),

1 Safety Net Assistance (SNA), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), or Tempo-
2 rary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

3 (2) "Economically disadvantaged rate" shall mean the quotient arrived
4 at when dividing the economically disadvantaged count by public enroll-
5 ment as computed pursuant to subparagraph one of paragraph n of this
6 subdivision.

7 (3) "Three-year average economically disadvantaged rate" shall equal
8 the quotient of: (i) the sum of the economically disadvantaged count for
9 the school year prior to the base year, plus such number for the school
10 year two years prior to the base year, plus such number for the school
11 year three years prior to the base year; divided by (ii) the sum of
12 enrollment as computed pursuant to subparagraph one of paragraph n of
13 this subdivision [one of this section] for the school year prior to the
14 base year, plus such number for the school year two years prior to the
15 base year, plus such number for the school year three years prior to the
16 base year, [computed] rounded to four decimals [without rounding].

17 § 7. Paragraph mm of subdivision 1 of section 3602 of the education
18 law is renumbered subparagraph (iii) of paragraph q of such subdivision
19 1 and is amended to read as follows:

20 (iii) "Three-year average small area income and poverty estimate rate"
21 shall equal the quotient of: (i) the sum of the number of persons aged
22 five to seventeen within the school district, based on the small area
23 income and poverty estimates produced by the United States census
24 bureau, whose families had incomes below the poverty level for the
25 calendar year prior to the year in which the base year began, plus such
26 number for the calendar year two years prior to the year in which the
27 base year began, plus such number for the calendar year three years
28 prior to the year in which the base year began; divided by (ii) the sum

1 of the total number of persons aged five to seventeen within the school
2 district, based on such census bureau estimates, for the year prior to
3 the year in which the base year began, plus such total number for the
4 year two years prior to the year in which the base year began, plus such
5 total number for the year three years prior to the year in which the
6 base year began, [computed] rounded to four decimals [without rounding].

7 § 8. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph g of subdivision 3 of section 3602 of
8 the education law, as amended by section 13 of part B of chapter 57 of
9 the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

10 (2) a value computed by subtracting from one the product obtained by
11 multiplying the combined wealth ratio by sixty-four hundredths, provided
12 however, that for the purpose of computing the state sharing ratio for
13 total foundation aid, the tier two value shall be computed by subtract-
14 ing from one the product obtained when multiplying the combined wealth
15 ratio by six hundred twenty-eight thousandths (0.628) and such values
16 shall be computed using the combined wealth ratio for total foundation
17 aid in place of the combined wealth ratio; or

18 § 9. The closing paragraph of paragraph g of subdivision 3 of section
19 3602 of the education law, as amended by section 8 of part A of chapter
20 56 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

21 Such result shall be expressed as a decimal carried to three places
22 without rounding, but shall not be greater than ninety hundredths nor
23 less than zero, provided, however, that for the purpose of computing the
24 state sharing ratio for total foundation aid in the two thousand twen-
25 ty-four--two thousand twenty-five school year[and thereafter], such
26 result shall not be greater than ninety-one hundredths (0.91), and that
27 for the purpose of computing the state sharing ratio for total founda-
28 tion aid in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school

1 year and thereafter, such result shall not be greater than ninety-three
2 hundredths (0.93).

3 § 10. Subdivision 4 of section 3602 of the education law is amended by
4 adding a new paragraph f to read as follows:

5 f. Foundation aid payable in the two thousand twenty-five--two thou-
6 sand twenty-six school year. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
7 contrary, foundation aid payable in the two thousand twenty-five--two
8 thousand twenty-six school year shall equal the greater of total founda-
9 tion aid or the product of one and two hundredths (1.02) multiplied by
10 the foundation aid base.

11 § 11. The education law is amended by adding a new section 319 to
12 read as follows:

13 § 319. Establishment of dual enrollment policy. 1. For purposes of
14 this section:

15 (a) "Dual enrollment" means any program that is a partnership between
16 at least one school and at least one institution of higher education
17 that provides high school students with the opportunity to enroll in
18 college courses and earn transcribed and transferable college credit
19 from the institution(s) while completing high school graduation and
20 diploma requirements. Dual enrollment is the umbrella under which exist-
21 ing programs like pathways in technology early college high schools
22 (P-Tech), smart scholars, and smart transfer fall.

23 (b) "School" means a charter school, a school district, or a board of
24 cooperative educational services.

25 2. The commissioner shall adopt a statewide policy outlining the defi-
26 inition of dual enrollment programs and guidelines for participation and
27 data reporting in New York state.

1 3. The policy established pursuant to subdivision two of this section
2 shall require that schools and higher education institutions annually
3 submit to the department data demonstrating participation and success in
4 dual enrollment programs in a form and manner determined by the commis-
5 sioner pursuant to subdivision five of this section. The department
6 shall annually publish such data on its public website no later than
7 January first in the school year following the school year for which the
8 data is applicable.

9 4. The policy established pursuant to subdivision two of this section
10 shall require that, by September first, two thousand twenty-six, all
11 schools participating in a dual enrollment program have on file with the
12 department a partnership agreement with the institution(s) of higher
13 education with which they are partnered. Such partnership agreements
14 shall establish the scope and terms of the dual enrollment program, as
15 well as a protocol for collecting, sharing, and reporting any data
16 required by the commissioner pursuant to this section. Partnership
17 agreements shall be consistent with the policy adopted by the commis-
18 sioner pursuant to subdivision two of this section, and shall contain
19 such other provisions as may be required by the commissioner. The part-
20 nership agreements shall be updated and resubmitted no less than once
21 every five years. The commissioner shall develop and make publicly
22 available the required partnership agreement form for schools and higher
23 education institutions no later than January first, two thousand twen-
24 ty-six.

25 5. On or before January first, two thousand twenty-six, the commis-
26 sioner, the chancellor of the state university of New York, the chancel-
27 lor of the city university of New York, and the governor shall jointly
28 establish data points to be submitted pursuant to this section.

1 § 12. Subdivision 4 of section 3627 of the education law, as amended
2 by section 13-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any
5 expenditures for transportation provided pursuant to this section in the
6 two thousand thirteen--two thousand fourteen school year and thereafter
7 and otherwise eligible for transportation aid pursuant to subdivision
8 seven of section thirty-six hundred two of this article shall be consid-
9 ered approved transportation expenses eligible for transportation aid,
10 provided further that for the two thousand thirteen--two thousand four-
11 teen school year such aid shall be limited to eight million one hundred
12 thousand dollars and for the two thousand fourteen--two thousand fifteen
13 school year such aid shall be limited to the sum of twelve million six
14 hundred thousand dollars plus the base amount and for the two thousand
15 fifteen--two thousand sixteen school year through two thousand eigh-
16 teen--two thousand nineteen school year such aid shall be limited to the
17 sum of eighteen million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars plus the
18 base amount and for the two thousand nineteen--two thousand twenty
19 school year such aid shall be limited to the sum of nineteen million
20 three hundred fifty thousand dollars plus the base amount and for the
21 two thousand twenty--two thousand twenty-one school year such aid shall
22 be limited to the sum of nineteen million eight hundred fifty thousand
23 dollars plus the base amount and for the two thousand twenty-two--two
24 thousand twenty-three school year such aid shall be limited to the sum
25 of twenty-two million three hundred fifty thousand dollars plus the base
26 amount and for the two thousand twenty-three--two thousand twenty-four
27 school year such aid shall be limited to the sum of twenty-four million
28 eight hundred fifty thousand dollars plus the base amount and for the

1 two thousand twenty-four--two thousand twenty-five school year [and
2 thereafter] such aid shall be limited to the sum of twenty-nine million
3 eight hundred fifty thousand dollars plus the base amount and for the
4 two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school year and there-
5 after such aid shall be limited to the product of (i) the maximum amount
6 of aid authorized by this subdivision for the base year, and (ii) the
7 sum of one and the percentage increase in the consumer price index as
8 defined in paragraph hh of subdivision one of section thirty-six hundred
9 two of this article. For purposes of this subdivision, "base amount"
10 means the amount of transportation aid paid to the school district for
11 expenditures incurred in the two thousand twelve--two thousand thirteen
12 school year for transportation that would have been eligible for aid
13 pursuant to this section had this section been in effect in such school
14 year, except that subdivision six of this section shall be deemed not to
15 have been in effect. And provided further that the school district shall
16 continue to annually expend for the transportation described in subdivi-
17 sion one of this section at least the expenditures used for the base
18 amount.

19 § 13. Paragraph i of subdivision 12 of section 3602 of the education
20 law, as amended by section 14 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of
21 2024, is amended to read as follows:

22 i. For the two thousand twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two school
23 year through the two thousand [twenty-four] twenty-five--two thousand
24 [twenty-five] twenty-six school year, each school district shall be
25 entitled to an apportionment equal to the amount set forth for such
26 school district as "ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT" under the heading "2020-21
27 ESTIMATED AIDS" in the school aid computer listing produced by the
28 commissioner in support of the budget for the two thousand twenty--two

1 thousand twenty-one school year and entitled "SA202-1", and such appor-
2 tionment shall be deemed to satisfy the state obligation to provide an
3 apportionment pursuant to subdivision eight of section thirty-six
4 hundred forty-one of this article.

5 § 14. The opening paragraph of subdivision 16 of section 3602 of the
6 education law, as amended by section 15 of part A of chapter 56 of the
7 laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

8 Each school district shall be eligible to receive a high tax aid
9 apportionment in the two thousand eight--two thousand nine school year,
10 which shall equal the greater of (i) the sum of the tier 1 high tax aid
11 apportionment, the tier 2 high tax aid apportionment and the tier 3 high
12 tax aid apportionment or (ii) the product of the apportionment received
13 by the school district pursuant to this subdivision in the two thousand
14 seven--two thousand eight school year, multiplied by the due-minimum
15 factor, which shall equal, for districts with an alternate pupil wealth
16 ratio computed pursuant to paragraph b of subdivision three of this
17 section that is less than two, seventy percent (0.70), and for all other
18 districts, fifty percent (0.50). Each school district shall be eligible
19 to receive a high tax aid apportionment in the two thousand nine--two
20 thousand ten through two thousand twelve--two thousand thirteen school
21 years in the amount set forth for such school district as "HIGH TAX AID"
22 under the heading "2008-09 BASE YEAR AIDS" in the school aid computer
23 listing produced by the commissioner in support of the budget for the
24 two thousand nine--two thousand ten school year and entitled "SA0910".
25 Each school district shall be eligible to receive a high tax aid appor-
26 tionment in the two thousand thirteen--two thousand fourteen through two
27 thousand [twenty-four] twenty-five--two thousand [twenty-five] twenty-
28 six school year equal to the greater of (1) the amount set forth for

1 such school district as "HIGH TAX AID" under the heading "2008-09 BASE
2 YEAR AIDS" in the school aid computer listing produced by the commis-
3 sioner in support of the budget for the two thousand nine--two thousand
4 ten school year and entitled "SA0910" or (2) the amount set forth for
5 such school district as "HIGH TAX AID" under the heading "2013-14 ESTI-
6 MATED AIDS" in the school aid computer listing produced by the commis-
7 sioner in support of the executive budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year
8 and entitled "BT131-4".

9 § 15. Subdivision 16 of section 3602-ee of the education law, as
10 amended by section 18 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 16. The authority of the department to administer the universal full-
13 day pre-kindergarten program shall expire June thirtieth, two thousand
14 [twenty-five] twenty-six; provided that the program shall continue and
15 remain in full effect.

16 § 16. Paragraph a of subdivision 5 of section 3604 of the education
17 law, as amended by chapter 161 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read
18 as follows:

19 a. State aid adjustments. All errors or omissions in the apportionment
20 shall be corrected by the commissioner. Whenever a school district has
21 been apportioned less money than that to which it is entitled, the
22 commissioner may allot to such district the balance to which it is enti-
23 tled. Whenever a school district has been apportioned more money than
24 that to which it is entitled, the commissioner may, by an order, direct
25 such moneys to be paid back to the state to be credited to the general
26 fund local assistance account for state aid to the schools, or may
27 deduct such amount from the next apportionment to be made to said
28 district, provided, however, that, upon notification of excess payments

1 of aid for which a recovery must be made by the state through deduction
2 of future aid payments, a school district may request that such excess
3 payments be recovered by deducting such excess payments from the
4 payments due to such school district and payable in the month of June in
5 (i) the school year in which such notification was received and (ii) the
6 two succeeding school years, provided further that there shall be no
7 interest penalty assessed against such district or collected by the
8 state. Such request shall be made to the commissioner in such form as
9 the commissioner shall prescribe, and shall be based on documentation
10 that the total amount to be recovered is in excess of one percent of the
11 district's total general fund expenditures for the preceding school
12 year. The amount to be deducted in the first year shall be the greater
13 of (i) the sum of the amount of such excess payments that is recognized
14 as a liability due to other governments by the district for the preced-
15 ing school year and the positive remainder of the district's unreserved
16 fund balance at the close of the preceding school year less the product
17 of the district's total general fund expenditures for the preceding
18 school year multiplied by five percent, or (ii) one-third of such excess
19 payments. The amount to be recovered in the second year shall equal the
20 lesser of the remaining amount of such excess payments to be recovered
21 or one-third of such excess payments, and the remaining amount of such
22 excess payments shall be recovered in the third year. Provided further
23 that, notwithstanding any other provisions of this subdivision, any
24 pending payment of moneys due to such district as a prior year adjust-
25 ment payable pursuant to paragraph c of this subdivision for aid claims
26 that had been previously paid as current year aid payments in excess of
27 the amount to which the district is entitled and for which recovery of
28 excess payments is to be made pursuant to this paragraph, shall be

1 reduced at the time of actual payment by any remaining unrecovered
2 balance of such excess payments, and the remaining scheduled deductions
3 of such excess payments pursuant to this paragraph shall be reduced by
4 the commissioner to reflect the amount so recovered. [The commissioner
5 shall certify no payment to a school district based on a claim submitted
6 later than three years after the close of the school year in which such
7 payment was first to be made. For claims for which payment is first to
8 be made in the nineteen hundred ninety-six--ninety-seven school year,
9 the commissioner shall certify no payment to a school district based on
10 a claim submitted later than two years after the close of such school
11 year.] For claims for which payment is first to be made [in the nineteen
12 hundred ninety-seven--ninety-eight school year and thereafter] prior to
13 the two thousand twenty-four--two thousand twenty-five school year, the
14 commissioner shall certify no payment to a school district based on a
15 claim submitted later than one year after the close of such school year.
16 For claims for which payment is first to be made in the two thousand
17 twenty-four--two thousand twenty-five school year and thereafter, the
18 commissioner shall certify no payment to a school district based on a
19 claim submitted later than the first of November of such school year.
20 Provided, however, no payments shall be barred or reduced where such
21 payment is required as a result of a final audit of the state. It is
22 further provided that[, until June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-
23 six, the commissioner may grant a waiver from the provisions of this
24 section for any school district if it is in the best educational inter-
25 ests of the district pursuant to guidelines developed by the commission-
26 er and approved by the director of the budget] for any apportionments
27 provided pursuant to sections seven hundred one, seven hundred eleven,
28 seven hundred fifty-one, seven hundred fifty-three, nineteen hundred

1 fifty, thirty-six hundred two, thirty-six hundred two-b, thirty-six
2 hundred two-c, thirty-six hundred two-e and forty-four hundred five of
3 this chapter for the two thousand twenty-four--two thousand twenty-five
4 and two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school years, the
5 commissioner shall certify no payment to a school district, other than
6 payments pursuant to subdivisions six-a, eleven, thirteen and fifteen of
7 section thirty-six hundred two of this part, in excess of the payment
8 computed based on an electronic data file used to produce the school aid
9 computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of the execu-
10 tive budget request submitted for the two thousand twenty-five--two
11 thousand twenty-six state fiscal year and entitled "BT252-6", and
12 further provided that for any apportionments provided pursuant to
13 sections seven hundred one, seven hundred eleven, seven hundred fifty-
14 one, seven hundred fifty-three, nineteen hundred fifty, thirty-six
15 hundred two, thirty-six hundred two-b, thirty-six hundred two-c, thir-
16 ty-six hundred two-e and forty-four hundred five of this chapter for the
17 two thousand twenty-six--two thousand twenty-seven school year and ther-
18 eafter, the commissioner shall certify no payment to a school district,
19 other than payments pursuant to subdivisions six-a, eleven, thirteen and
20 fifteen of section thirty-six hundred two of this part, in excess of the
21 payment computed based on an electronic data file used to produce the
22 school aid computer listing produced by the commissioner in support of
23 the executive budget request submitted for the state fiscal year in
24 which the school year commences.

25 § 17. The opening paragraph of section 3609-a of the education law, as
26 amended by section 23 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 For aid payable in the two thousand seven--two thousand eight school
2 year through the two thousand twenty-four--two thousand twenty-five
3 school year, "moneys apportioned" shall mean the lesser of (i) the sum
4 of one hundred percent of the respective amount set forth for each
5 school district as payable pursuant to this section in the school aid
6 computer listing for the current year produced by the commissioner in
7 support of the budget which includes the appropriation for the general
8 support for public schools for the prescribed payments and individual-
9 ized payments due prior to April first for the current year plus the
10 apportionment payable during the current school year pursuant to subdi-
11 vision six-a and subdivision fifteen of section thirty-six hundred two
12 of this part minus any reductions to current year aids pursuant to
13 subdivision seven of section thirty-six hundred four of this part or any
14 deduction from apportionment payable pursuant to this chapter for
15 collection of a school district basic contribution as defined in subdi-
16 vision eight of section forty-four hundred one of this chapter, less any
17 grants provided pursuant to subparagraph two-a of paragraph b of subdi-
18 vision four of section ninety-two-c of the state finance law, less any
19 grants provided pursuant to subdivision five of section ninety-seven-
20 nnnn of the state finance law, less any grants provided pursuant to
21 subdivision twelve of section thirty-six hundred forty-one of this arti-
22 cle, or (ii) the apportionment calculated by the commissioner based on
23 data on file at the time the payment is processed; provided however,
24 that for the purposes of any payments made pursuant to this section
25 prior to the first business day of June of the current year, moneys
26 apportioned shall not include any aids payable pursuant to subdivisions
27 six and fourteen, if applicable, of section thirty-six hundred two of
28 this part as current year aid for debt service on bond anticipation

1 notes and/or bonds first issued in the current year or any aids payable
2 for full-day kindergarten for the current year pursuant to subdivision
3 nine of section thirty-six hundred two of this part. The definitions of
4 "base year" and "current year" as set forth in subdivision one of
5 section thirty-six hundred two of this part shall apply to this section.
6 [For aid payable in the two thousand twenty-four--two thousand twenty-
7 five school year, reference to such "school aid computer listing for the
8 current year" shall mean the printouts entitled "SA242-5".] For aid
9 payable in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school
10 year and thereafter, "moneys apportioned" shall mean the lesser of: (i)
11 the sum of one hundred percent of the respective amount set forth for
12 each school district as payable pursuant to this section in the school
13 aid computer listing for the current year produced by the commissioner
14 in support of the executive budget request which includes the appropri-
15 ation for the general support for public schools for the prescribed
16 payments and individualized payments due prior to April first for the
17 current year plus the apportionment payable during the current school
18 year pursuant to subdivisions six-a and fifteen of section thirty-six
19 hundred two of this part minus any reductions to current year aids
20 pursuant to subdivision seven of section thirty-six hundred four of this
21 part or any deduction from apportionment payable pursuant to this chap-
22 ter for collection of a school district basic contribution as defined in
23 subdivision eight of section forty-four hundred one of this chapter,
24 less any grants provided pursuant to subparagraph two-a of paragraph b
25 of subdivision four of section ninety-two-c of the state finance law,
26 less any grants provided pursuant to subdivision five of section nine-
27 ty-seven-nnnn of the state finance law, less any grants provided pursu-
28 ant to subdivision twelve of section thirty-six hundred forty-one of

1 this article, or (ii) the apportionment calculated by the commissioner
2 based on data on file at the time the payment is processed; provided
3 however, that for the purposes of any payments made pursuant to this
4 section prior to the first business day of June of the current year,
5 moneys apportioned shall not include any aids payable pursuant to subdi-
6 visions six and fourteen, if applicable, of section thirty-six hundred
7 two of this part as current year aid for debt service on bond antic-
8 ipation notes and/or bonds first issued in the current year or any aids
9 payable for full-day kindergarten for the current year pursuant to
10 subdivision nine of section thirty-six hundred two of this part. For aid
11 payable in the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six school
12 year, reference to such "school aid computer listing for the current
13 year" shall mean the printouts entitled "BT252-6".

14 § 18. Subdivision b of section 2 of chapter 756 of the laws of 1992,
15 relating to funding a program for work force education conducted by the
16 consortium for worker education in New York city, as amended by section
17 27 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 b. Reimbursement for programs approved in accordance with subdivision
20 a of this section for the reimbursement for the 2018--2019 school year
21 shall not exceed 59.4 percent of the lesser of such approvable costs per
22 contact hour or fourteen dollars and ninety-five cents per contact hour,
23 reimbursement for the 2019--2020 school year shall not exceed 57.7
24 percent of the lesser of such approvable costs per contact hour or
25 fifteen dollars sixty cents per contact hour, reimbursement for the
26 2020--2021 school year shall not exceed 56.9 percent of the lesser of
27 such approvable costs per contact hour or sixteen dollars and twenty-
28 five cents per contact hour, reimbursement for the 2021--2022 school

1 year shall not exceed 56.0 percent of the lesser of such approvable
2 costs per contact hour or sixteen dollars and forty cents per contact
3 hour, reimbursement for the 2022--2023 school year shall not exceed 55.7
4 percent of the lesser of such approvable costs per contact hour or
5 sixteen dollars and sixty cents per contact hour, reimbursement for the
6 2023--2024 school year shall not exceed 54.7 percent of the lesser of
7 such approvable costs per contact hour or seventeen dollars and seventy
8 cents per contact hour, [and] reimbursement for the 2024--2025 school
9 year shall not exceed 56.6 percent of the lesser of such approvable
10 costs per contact hour or eighteen dollars and seventy cents per contact
11 hour, and reimbursement for the 2025--2026 school year shall not exceed
12 58.2 percent of the lesser of such approvable costs per contact hour or
13 nineteen dollars and fifty cents per contact hour, and where a contact
14 hour represents sixty minutes of instruction services provided to an
15 eligible adult. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
16 contrary, for the 2018--2019 school year such contact hours shall not
17 exceed one million four hundred sixty-three thousand nine hundred
18 sixty-three (1,463,963); for the 2019--2020 school year such contact
19 hours shall not exceed one million four hundred forty-four thousand four
20 hundred forty-four (1,444,444); for the 2020--2021 school year such
21 contact hours shall not exceed one million four hundred six thousand
22 nine hundred twenty-six (1,406,926); for the 2021--2022 school year such
23 contact hours shall not exceed one million four hundred sixteen thousand
24 one hundred twenty-two (1,416,122); for the 2022--2023 school year such
25 contact hours shall not exceed one million four hundred six thousand
26 nine hundred twenty-six (1,406,926); for the 2023--2024 school year such
27 contact hours shall not exceed one million three hundred forty-two thou-
28 sand nine hundred seventy-five (1,342,975); [and] for the 2024--2025

1 school year such contact hours shall not exceed one million two hundred
2 twenty-eight thousand seven hundred thirty-three (1,228,733); and for
3 the 2025--2026 school year such contact hours shall not exceed one
4 million fourteen thousand one hundred nine (1,014,109). Notwithstanding
5 any other provision of law to the contrary, the apportionment calculated
6 for the city school district of the city of New York pursuant to subdi-
7 vision 11 of section 3602 of the education law shall be computed as if
8 such contact hours provided by the consortium for worker education, not
9 to exceed the contact hours set forth herein, were eligible for aid in
10 accordance with the provisions of such subdivision 11 of section 3602 of
11 the education law.

12 § 19. Section 4 of chapter 756 of the laws of 1992, relating to fund-
13 ing a program for work force education conducted by the consortium for
14 worker education in New York city, is amended by adding a new subdivi-
15 sion dd to read as follows:

16 dd. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply after the
17 completion of payments for the 2025--2026 school year. Notwithstanding
18 any inconsistent provisions of law, the commissioner of education shall
19 withhold a portion of employment preparation education aid due to the
20 city school district of the city of New York to support a portion of the
21 costs of the work force education program. Such moneys shall be credited
22 to the elementary and secondary education fund-local assistance account
23 and shall not exceed eleven million five hundred thousand dollars
24 (\$11,500,000).

25 § 20. Section 6 of chapter 756 of the laws of 1992, relating to fund-
26 ing a program for work force education conducted by the consortium for
27 worker education in New York city, as amended by section 29 of part A of
28 chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

1 § 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 1992, and shall be deemed
2 repealed June 30, [2025] 2026.

3 § 21. Subdivision 6 of section 4402 of the education law, as amended
4 by section 25 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 6. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary,
7 the board of education of a city school district with a population of
8 one hundred twenty-five thousand or more inhabitants shall be permitted
9 to establish maximum class sizes for special classes for certain
10 students with disabilities in accordance with the provisions of this
11 subdivision. For the purpose of obtaining relief from any adverse fiscal
12 impact from under-utilization of special education resources due to low
13 student attendance in special education classes at the middle and
14 secondary level as determined by the commissioner, such boards of educa-
15 tion shall, during the school years nineteen hundred ninety-five--nine-
16 ty-six through June thirtieth, two thousand [twenty-five] twenty-six, be
17 authorized to increase class sizes in special classes containing
18 students with disabilities whose age ranges are equivalent to those of
19 students in middle and secondary schools as defined by the commissioner
20 for purposes of this section by up to but not to exceed one and two
21 tenths times the applicable maximum class size specified in regulations
22 of the commissioner rounded up to the nearest whole number, provided
23 that in a city school district having a population of one million or
24 more, classes that have a maximum class size of fifteen may be increased
25 by no more than one student and provided that the projected average
26 class size shall not exceed the maximum specified in the applicable
27 regulation, provided that such authorization shall terminate on June
28 thirtieth, two thousand. Such authorization shall be granted upon filing

1 of a notice by such a board of education with the commissioner stating
2 the board's intention to increase such class sizes and a certification
3 that the board will conduct a study of attendance problems at the
4 secondary level and will implement a corrective action plan to increase
5 the rate of attendance of students in such classes to at least the rate
6 for students attending regular education classes in secondary schools of
7 the district. Such corrective action plan shall be submitted for
8 approval by the commissioner by a date during the school year in which
9 such board increases class sizes as provided pursuant to this subdivi-
10 sion to be prescribed by the commissioner. Upon at least thirty days
11 notice to the board of education, after conclusion of the school year in
12 which such board increases class sizes as provided pursuant to this
13 subdivision, the commissioner shall be authorized to terminate such
14 authorization upon a finding that the board has failed to develop or
15 implement an approved corrective action plan.

16 § 22. Subdivisions 22 and 24 of section 140 of chapter 82 of the laws
17 of 1995, amending the education law and other laws relating to state aid
18 to school districts and the appropriation of funds for the support of
19 government, as amended by section 26 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws
20 of 2024, are amended to read as follows:

21 (22) sections one hundred twelve, one hundred thirteen, one hundred
22 fourteen, one hundred fifteen and one hundred sixteen of this act shall
23 take effect on July 1, 1995; provided, however, that section one hundred
24 thirteen of this act shall remain in full force and effect until July 1,
25 [2025] 2026 at which time it shall be deemed repealed;

26 (24) sections one hundred eighteen through one hundred thirty of this
27 act shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after
28 July 1, 1995; provided further, however, that the amendments made pursu-

1 ant to section one hundred twenty-four of this act shall be deemed to be
2 repealed on and after July 1, [2025] 2026;

3 § 23. Special apportionment for salary expenses. 1. Notwithstanding
4 any other provision of law, upon application to the commissioner of
5 education, not sooner than the first day of the second full business
6 week of June 2026 and not later than the last day of the third full
7 business week of June 2026, a school district eligible for an apportion-
8 ment pursuant to section 3602 of the education law shall be eligible to
9 receive an apportionment pursuant to this section, for the school year
10 ending June 30, 2026, for salary expenses incurred between April 1 and
11 June 30, 2025 and such apportionment shall not exceed the sum of (a) the
12 deficit reduction assessment of 1990--1991 as determined by the commis-
13 sioner of education, pursuant to paragraph f of subdivision 1 of section
14 3602 of the education law, as in effect through June 30, 1993, plus (b)
15 186 percent of such amount for a city school district in a city with a
16 population in excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants, plus (c) 209 percent of
17 such amount for a city school district in a city with a population of
18 more than 195,000 inhabitants and less than 219,000 inhabitants accord-
19 ing to the latest federal census, plus (d) the net gap elimination
20 adjustment for 2010--2011, as determined by the commissioner of educa-
21 tion pursuant to chapter 53 of the laws of 2010, plus (e) the gap elimi-
22 nation adjustment for 2011--2012 as determined by the commissioner of
23 education pursuant to subdivision 17 of section 3602 of the education
24 law, and provided further that such apportionment shall not exceed such
25 salary expenses. Such application shall be made by a school district,
26 after the board of education or trustees have adopted a resolution to do
27 so and in the case of a city school district in a city with a population

1 in excess of 125,000 inhabitants, with the approval of the mayor of such
2 city.

3 2. The claim for an apportionment to be paid to a school district
4 pursuant to subdivision 1 of this section shall be submitted to the
5 commissioner of education on a form prescribed for such purpose, and
6 shall be payable upon determination by such commissioner that the form
7 has been submitted as prescribed. Such approved amounts shall be payable
8 on the same day in September of the school year following the year in
9 which application was made as funds provided pursuant to subparagraph 4
10 of paragraph b of subdivision 4 of section 92-c of the state finance
11 law, on the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers
12 certified or approved by the commissioner of education in the manner
13 prescribed by law from moneys in the state lottery fund and from the
14 general fund to the extent that the amount paid to a school district
15 pursuant to this section exceeds the amount, if any, due such school
16 district pursuant to subparagraph 2 of paragraph a of subdivision 1 of
17 section 3609-a of the education law in the school year following the
18 year in which application was made.

19 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3609-a of the education
20 law, an amount equal to the amount paid to a school district pursuant to
21 subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section shall first be deducted from the
22 following payments due the school district during the school year
23 following the year in which application was made pursuant to subpara-
24 graphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section
25 3609-a of the education law in the following order: the lottery appor-
26 tionment payable pursuant to subparagraph 2 of such paragraph followed
27 by the fixed fall payments payable pursuant to subparagraph 4 of such
28 paragraph and then followed by the district's payments to the teachers'

1 retirement system pursuant to subparagraph 1 of such paragraph, and any
2 remainder to be deducted from the individualized payments due the
3 district pursuant to paragraph b of such subdivision shall be deducted
4 on a chronological basis starting with the earliest payment due the
5 district.

6 § 24. Special apportionment for public pension accruals. 1. Notwith-
7 standing any other provision of law, upon application to the commission-
8 er of education, not later than June 30, 2026, a school district eligi-
9 ble for an apportionment pursuant to section 3602 of the education law
10 shall be eligible to receive an apportionment pursuant to this section,
11 for the school year ending June 30, 2026 and such apportionment shall
12 not exceed the additional accruals required to be made by school
13 districts in the 2004--2005 and 2005--2006 school years associated with
14 changes for such public pension liabilities. The amount of such addi-
15 tional accrual shall be certified to the commissioner of education by
16 the president of the board of education or the trustees or, in the case
17 of a city school district in a city with a population in excess of
18 125,000 inhabitants, the mayor of such city. Such application shall be
19 made by a school district, after the board of education or trustees have
20 adopted a resolution to do so and in the case of a city school district
21 in a city with a population in excess of 125,000 inhabitants, with the
22 approval of the mayor of such city.

23 2. The claim for an apportionment to be paid to a school district
24 pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall be submitted to the
25 commissioner of education on a form prescribed for such purpose, and
26 shall be payable upon determination by such commissioner that the form
27 has been submitted as prescribed. Such approved amounts shall be payable
28 on the same day in September of the school year following the year in

1 which application was made as funds provided pursuant to subparagraph 4
2 of paragraph b of subdivision 4 of section 92-c of the state finance
3 law, on the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers
4 certified or approved by the commissioner of education in the manner
5 prescribed by law from moneys in the state lottery fund and from the
6 general fund to the extent that the amount paid to a school district
7 pursuant to this section exceeds the amount, if any, due such school
8 district pursuant to subparagraph 2 of paragraph a of subdivision 1 of
9 section 3609-a of the education law in the school year following the
10 year in which application was made.

11 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3609-a of the education
12 law, an amount equal to the amount paid to a school district pursuant to
13 subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section shall first be deducted from the
14 following payments due the school district during the school year
15 following the year in which application was made pursuant to subpara-
16 graphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section
17 3609-a of the education law in the following order: the lottery appor-
18 tionment payable pursuant to subparagraph 2 of such paragraph followed
19 by the fixed fall payments payable pursuant to subparagraph 4 of such
20 paragraph and then followed by the district's payments to the teachers'
21 retirement system pursuant to subparagraph 1 of such paragraph, and any
22 remainder to be deducted from the individualized payments due the
23 district pursuant to paragraph b of such subdivision shall be deducted
24 on a chronological basis starting with the earliest payment due the
25 district.

26 § 25. The amounts specified in this section shall be a set-aside from
27 the state funds which each such district is receiving from the total
28 foundation aid:

1 1. for the development, maintenance or expansion of magnet schools or
2 magnet school programs for the 2025--2026 school year. For the city
3 school district of the city of New York there shall be a set-aside of
4 foundation aid equal to forty-eight million one hundred seventy-five
5 thousand dollars (\$48,175,000) including five hundred thousand dollars
6 (\$500,000) for the Andrew Jackson High School; for the Buffalo city
7 school district, twenty-one million twenty-five thousand dollars
8 (\$21,025,000); for the Rochester city school district, fifteen million
9 dollars (\$15,000,000); for the Syracuse city school district, thirteen
10 million dollars (\$13,000,000); for the Yonkers city school district,
11 forty-nine million five hundred thousand dollars (\$49,500,000); for the
12 Newburgh city school district, four million six hundred forty-five thou-
13 sand dollars (\$4,645,000); for the Poughkeepsie city school district,
14 two million four hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$2,475,000); for
15 the Mount Vernon city school district, two million dollars (\$2,000,000);
16 for the New Rochelle city school district, one million four hundred ten
17 thousand dollars (\$1,410,000); for the Schenectady city school district,
18 one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000); for the Port
19 Chester city school district, one million one hundred fifty thousand
20 dollars (\$1,150,000); for the White Plains city school district, nine
21 hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000); for the Niagara Falls city school
22 district, six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000); for the Albany city
23 school district, three million five hundred fifty thousand dollars
24 (\$3,550,000); for the Utica city school district, two million dollars
25 (\$2,000,000); for the Beacon city school district, five hundred sixty-
26 six thousand dollars (\$566,000); for the Middletown city school
27 district, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000); for the Freeport
28 union free school district, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000);

1 for the Greenburgh central school district, three hundred thousand
2 dollars (\$300,000); for the Amsterdam city school district, eight
3 hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000); for the Peekskill city school
4 district, two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000); and for the Hudson
5 city school district, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000).

6 2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law to the contrary,
7 a school district setting aside such foundation aid pursuant to this
8 section may use such set-aside funds for: (a) any instructional or
9 instructional support costs associated with the operation of a magnet
10 school; or (b) any instructional or instructional support costs associ-
11 ated with implementation of an alternative approach to promote diversity
12 and/or enhancement of the instructional program and raising of standards
13 in elementary and secondary schools of school districts having substan-
14 tial concentrations of minority students.

15 3. The commissioner of education shall not be authorized to withhold
16 foundation aid from a school district that used such funds in accordance
17 with this paragraph, notwithstanding any inconsistency with a request
18 for proposals issued by such commissioner for the purpose of attendance
19 improvement and dropout prevention for the 2025--2026 school year, and
20 for any city school district in a city having a population of more than
21 one million, the set-aside for attendance improvement and dropout
22 prevention shall equal the amount set aside in the base year. For the
23 2025--2026 school year, it is further provided that any city school
24 district in a city having a population of more than one million shall
25 allocate at least one-third of any increase from base year levels in
26 funds set aside pursuant to the requirements of this section to communi-
27 ty-based organizations. Any increase required pursuant to this section

1 to community-based organizations must be in addition to allocations
2 provided to community-based organizations in the base year.

3 4. For the purpose of teacher support for the 2025--2026 school year:
4 for the city school district of the city of New York, sixty-two million
5 seven hundred seven thousand dollars (\$62,707,000); for the Buffalo city
6 school district, one million seven hundred forty-one thousand dollars
7 (\$1,741,000); for the Rochester city school district, one million seven-
8 ty-six thousand dollars (\$1,076,000); for the Yonkers city school
9 district, one million one hundred forty-seven thousand dollars
10 (\$1,147,000); and for the Syracuse city school district, eight hundred
11 nine thousand dollars (\$809,000). All funds made available to a school
12 district pursuant to this section shall be distributed among teachers
13 including prekindergarten teachers and teachers of adult vocational and
14 academic subjects in accordance with this section and shall be in addi-
15 tion to salaries heretofore or hereafter negotiated or made available;
16 provided, however, that all funds distributed pursuant to this section
17 for the current year shall be deemed to incorporate all funds distrib-
18 uted pursuant to former subdivision 27 of section 3602 of the education
19 law for prior years. In school districts where the teachers are repres-
20 ented by certified or recognized employee organizations, all salary
21 increases funded pursuant to this section shall be determined by sepa-
22 rate collective negotiations conducted pursuant to the provisions and
23 procedures of article 14 of the civil service law, notwithstanding the
24 existence of a negotiated agreement between a school district and a
25 certified or recognized employee organization.

26 § 26. Support of public libraries. The moneys appropriated for the
27 support of public libraries by a chapter of the laws of 2025 enacting
28 the aid to localities budget shall be apportioned for the 2025--2026

1 state fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of sections 271,
2 272, 273, 282, 284, and 285 of the education law as amended by the
3 provisions of such chapter and the provisions of this section, provided
4 that library construction aid pursuant to section 273-a of the education
5 law shall not be payable from the appropriations for the support of
6 public libraries and provided further that no library, library system or
7 program, as defined by the commissioner of education, shall receive less
8 total system or program aid than it received for the year 2001--2002
9 except as a result of a reduction adjustment necessary to conform to the
10 appropriations for support of public libraries.

11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary the moneys
12 appropriated for the support of public libraries for the year 2025--2026
13 by a chapter of the laws of 2025 enacting the aid to localities budget
14 shall fulfill the state's obligation to provide such aid and, pursuant
15 to a plan developed by the commissioner of education and approved by the
16 director of the budget, the aid payable to libraries and library systems
17 pursuant to such appropriations shall be reduced proportionately to
18 assure that the total amount of aid payable does not exceed the total
19 appropriations for such purpose.

20 § 27. Severability. The provisions of this act shall be severable, and
21 if the application of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision,
22 section or part of this act to any person or circumstance shall be
23 adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such
24 judgment shall not necessarily affect, impair or invalidate the applica-
25 tion of any such clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or
26 part of this act or remainder thereof, as the case may be, to any other
27 person or circumstance, but shall be confined in its operation to the
28 clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof

1 directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have
2 been rendered.

3 § 28. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall be deemed to
4 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2025, provided,
5 however, that:

6 1. Sections one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
7 twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, seventeen, twenty-one and twenty-
8 five of this act shall take effect July 1, 2025; and

9 2. The amendments to chapter 756 of the laws of 1992 made by sections
10 eighteen and nineteen of this act shall not affect the repeal of such
11 chapter and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

12 PART B

13 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 915-a
14 to read as follows:

15 § 915-a. Universal free school meals. 1. The department shall require
16 all school districts, charter schools and non-public schools in the
17 state that participate in the national school lunch program or school
18 breakfast program as provided in the Richard B. Russell National School
19 Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act, as amended, to serve breakfast
20 and lunch at no cost to the student. School districts, charter schools
21 and non-public schools shall maximize federal reimbursement for school
22 breakfast and lunch programs by adopting Provision 2, the federal Commu-
23 nity Eligibility Provision, or any other provision under such Act, the
24 National School Lunch Act or the National Child Nutrition Act that, in
25 the opinion of the department, maximizes federal funding for meals
26 served in such programs. Provided that school food authorities that do

1 not qualify as a single entity to participate in the community eligibil-
2 ity provision shall be required to group schools within the school food
3 authority, to the extent possible, for purposes of maximizing partic-
4 ipation in the community eligibility provision, and provided further
5 that school food authorities shall reapply annually for the community
6 eligibility provision program in the event that doing so would result in
7 a higher percentage of meals being reimbursed at the federal reimburse-
8 ment rate for a free meal.

9 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the
10 contrary, for the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six
11 school year and each school year thereafter, for each breakfast and
12 lunch meal served, the department shall reimburse the school food
13 authority the difference between (a) the combined state and federal
14 reimbursement rate for a reduced-price or paid meal, respectively, for
15 the current school year and (b) the combined state and federal
16 reimbursement rate for a free meal for the current school year, provided
17 that the total reimbursement rate for each meal served shall equal the
18 combined state and federal reimbursement rate for a free meal for the
19 current school year.

20 3. The department, in consultation with the office of temporary and
21 disability assistance, shall promulgate any rule or regulation needed
22 for school districts, charter schools and non-public schools to promote
23 the supplemental nutrition assistance program to a student or person in
24 parental relation to a student by providing either application assist-
25 ance or a direct referral to an outreach partner identified to the
26 department by the office of temporary and disability assistance to maxi-
27 mize the number of students directly certified for free school meals.

1 4. In addition to fulfilling any other applicable state and federal
2 requirements, the department shall provide technical assistance to
3 assist school districts, charter schools, and non-public schools in the
4 transition to universal school meals to ensure successful program oper-
5 ations and to maximize federal funding, including but not limited to the
6 following:

7 (a) Assisting school food authorities with one or more schools quali-
8 ifying for the community eligibility provision in meeting any state and
9 federal requirements necessary in order to maximize reimbursement
10 through the community eligibility provision, including assisting such
11 school food authorities in maximizing participation in the community
12 eligibility provision.

13 (b) If a school food authority is ineligible to participate in and
14 receive reimbursement through the community eligibility provision,
15 assisting the school food authority in achieving and maximizing eligi-
16 bility and, if that is not feasible, assisting the school food authority
17 in determining the viability of using Provision 2 or other special
18 federal provisions available to schools to maximize federal reimburse-
19 ment.

20 5. School districts, charter schools, and non-public schools shall
21 maximize the number of students eligible for free meals by conducting
22 the Direct Certification Matching Process at a minimum of three times
23 per year, designating children as "Other Source Categorically Eligible",
24 as defined by federal regulations, or, for schools not participating in
25 the Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2, by annually collect-
26 ing the free and reduced-price meal application.

27 § 2. Section 925 of the education law is REPEALED.

28 § 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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PART C

2 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 2803
3 to read as follows:

4 § 2803. Use of internet-enabled devices during the school day. 1. For
5 purposes of this section:

6 (a) "Internet-enabled devices" shall mean and include any smartphone,
7 tablet, smartwatch, or other device capable of connecting to the inter-
8 net and enabling the user to access content on the internet, including
9 social media applications; provided, however, that "internet-enabled
10 devices" shall not include:

11 (i) non-internet-enabled devices such as cellular phones or other
12 communication devices not capable of connecting to the internet or
13 enabling the user to access content on the internet; or

14 (ii) internet-enabled devices supplied by the school district or board
15 of cooperative educational services that are used for an educational
16 purpose.

17 (b) "School day" shall mean the entirety of every instructional day as
18 required by subdivision seven of section thirty-six hundred four of this
19 chapter during all instructional time and non-instructional time,
20 including but not limited to homeroom periods, lunch, recess, study
21 halls, and passing time.

22 (c) "School grounds" shall mean in or on or within any building,
23 structure, athletic playing field, playground, or land contained within
24 the real property boundary line of an elementary, intermediate, junior
25 high, vocational, or high school or a board of cooperative educational
26 services facility.

1 2. Each school district and board of cooperative educational services
2 shall adopt a written policy prohibiting the use of internet-enabled
3 devices by students during the school day anywhere on school grounds.

4 3. The policy adopted and implemented pursuant to subdivision two of
5 this section shall include one or more methods for parents and guardians
6 of students to contact students during the school day and provide for
7 written notification of parents and guardians of these methods at the
8 beginning of each school year.

9 4. The policy adopted and implemented pursuant to subdivision two of
10 this section shall include one or more methods for on-site storage where
11 students may store their internet-enabled devices during the school day,
12 which may include student lockers.

13 5. (a) The policy adopted and implemented pursuant to subdivision two
14 of this section may authorize student use of an internet-enabled device
15 during the school day on school grounds:

16 (i) if authorized by a teacher or the school district or board of
17 cooperative educational services for a specific educational purpose;

18 (ii) where necessary for the management of a student's healthcare;

19 (iii) in the event of an emergency;

20 (iv) for translation services; or

21 (v) where required by law.

22 (b) The policy may not prohibit a student's use of an internet-enabled
23 device where such use is included in the student's:

24 (i) individualized education program; or

25 (ii) plan developed pursuant to section five hundred four of the
26 federal rehabilitation act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794.

27 6. No later than August first, two thousand twenty-five, each school
28 district and board of cooperative educational services shall adopt and

1 publish in a clearly visible and accessible location on its website the
2 internet-enabled device policy established pursuant to subdivision two
3 of this section. Translation of such policy into any of the twelve most
4 common non-English languages spoken by limited-English proficient indi-
5 viduals in the state, based on the data in the most recent American
6 community survey published by the United States census bureau, shall be
7 provided upon request.

8 7. No later than September first, two thousand twenty-six, and each
9 September first thereafter, each school district and board of cooper-
10 ative educational services shall publish an annual report on its website
11 detailing enforcement of the policy within the district or board of
12 cooperative educational services in the prior school year, including
13 non-identifiable demographic data of students who have faced discipli-
14 nary action for non-compliance and analysis of any demographic dispari-
15 ties in enforcement of the policy. If a statistically significant dispa-
16 rate enforcement impact is identified, such report shall include a
17 mitigation action plan.

18 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 2854 of the education law is amended by
19 adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

20 (g) A charter school shall be subject to the provisions of section
21 twenty-eight hundred three of this title.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

23 PART D

24 Section 1. Section 666 of the education law is REPEALED.

1 § 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 667-c of the education
2 law, as amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 56 of the laws of
3 2022, is amended to read as follows:

4 a. for students defined in paragraph a of subdivision one of this
5 section, a part-time student is one who: (i) is enrolled [as a first-
6 time freshman during the two thousand six--two thousand seven academic
7 year or thereafter] at a college or university within the state univer-
8 sity, including a statutory or contract college, a community college
9 established pursuant to article one hundred twenty-six of this chapter,
10 the city university of New York, or a non-profit college or university
11 incorporated by the regents or by the legislature;

12 (ii) is enrolled for at least [six] three but less than twelve semes-
13 ter hours, or the equivalent, per semester in an approved undergraduate
14 degree program; and

15 (iii) has a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.00.

16 § 3. Section 667-c-1 of the education law is REPEALED.

17 § 4. Paragraph c of subdivision 5 of section 610 of the education law,
18 as added by chapter 425 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 c. Any semester, quarter or term of attendance during which a student
21 receives an award for part-time study pursuant to this section shall be
22 counted as one-half of a semester, quarter or term, as the case may be,
23 toward the maximum term of eligibility for tuition assistance awards
24 pursuant to [sections six hundred sixty-six and] section six hundred
25 sixty-seven of this chapter.

26 § 5. Subdivision 2 of section 667 of the education law, as amended by
27 chapter 376 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1 2. Duration. No undergraduate shall be eligible for more than four
2 academic years of study, or five academic years if the program of study
3 normally requires five years. Students enrolled in a program of remedial
4 study, approved by the commissioner in an institution of higher educa-
5 tion and intended to culminate in a degree in undergraduate study shall,
6 for purposes of this section, be considered as enrolled in a program of
7 study normally requiring five years. An undergraduate student enrolled
8 in an eligible two year program of study approved by the commissioner
9 shall be eligible for no more than three academic years of study. An
10 undergraduate student enrolled in an approved two or four-year program
11 of study approved by the commissioner who must transfer to another
12 institution as a result of permanent college closure shall be eligible
13 for up to two additional semesters, or their equivalent, to the extent
14 credits necessary to complete [his or her] the student's program of
15 study were deemed non-transferable from the closed institution or were
16 deemed not applicable to such student's program of study by the new
17 institution. Any semester, quarter, or term of attendance during which
18 a student receives any award under this article, after the effective
19 date of the former scholar incentive program and prior to academic year
20 nineteen hundred eighty-nine--nineteen hundred ninety, shall be counted
21 toward the maximum term of eligibility for tuition assistance under this
22 section[, except that any semester, quarter or term of attendance during
23 which a student received an award pursuant to section six hundred
24 sixty-six of this subpart shall be counted as one-half of a semester,
25 quarter or term, as the case may be, toward the maximum term of eligi-
26 bility under this section]. Any semester, quarter or term of attendance
27 during which a student received an award pursuant to section six hundred

1 sixty-seven-a of this subpart shall not be counted toward the maximum
2 term of eligibility under this section.

3 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to academ-
4 ic years 2025-2026 and thereafter.

5 PART E

6 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 669-h of the education law, as
7 amended by section 1 of part G of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 2. Amount. Within amounts appropriated therefor and based on avail-
10 ability of funds, awards shall be granted [beginning with the two thou-
11 sand seventeen--two thousand eighteen academic year and thereafter] to
12 applicants that the corporation has determined are eligible to receive
13 such awards. The corporation shall grant such awards in an amount up to
14 [five thousand five hundred dollars or] actual tuition[, whichever is
15 less]; provided, however, (a) a student who receives educational grants
16 and/or scholarships that cover the student's full cost of attendance
17 shall not be eligible for an award under this program; and (b) an award
18 under this program shall be applied to tuition after the application of
19 payments received under the tuition assistance program pursuant to
20 section six hundred sixty-seven of this subpart, tuition credits pursu-
21 ant to section six hundred eighty-nine-a of this article, federal Pell
22 grant pursuant to section one thousand seventy of title twenty of the
23 United States code, et seq., and any other program that covers the cost
24 of attendance unless exclusively for non-tuition expenses, and the award
25 under this program shall be reduced in the amount equal to such
26 payments, provided that the combined benefits do not exceed [five thou-

1 sand five hundred dollars. Upon notification of an award under this
2 program, the institution shall defer the amount of tuition. Notwith-
3 standing paragraph h of subdivision two of section three hundred fifty-
4 five and paragraph (a) of subdivision seven of section six thousand two
5 hundred six of this chapter, and any other law, rule or regulation to
6 the contrary,] the resident undergraduate tuition charged by [the insti-
7 tution to recipients of an award shall not exceed the tuition rate
8 established by the institution for the two thousand sixteen--two thou-
9 sand seventeen academic year provided, however, that in the two thousand
10 twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three academic year and every year ther-
11 eafter, the undergraduate tuition charged by the institution to recipi-
12 ents of an award shall be reset to equal the tuition rate established by
13 the institution for the forthcoming academic year, provided further that
14 the tuition credit calculated pursuant to section six hundred eighty-
15 nine-a of this article shall be applied toward the tuition rate charged
16 for recipients of an award under this program. Provided further that]
17 the state university of New York [and the city university of New York
18 shall provide an additional tuition credit to students receiving an
19 award to cover the remaining cost of tuition].

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable to
21 academic years 2025-2026 and thereafter.

22 PART F

23 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6311
24 to read as follows:

1 § 6311. New York opportunity promise scholarship. 1. Eligibility. A
2 New York opportunity promise scholarship shall be awarded to an appli-
3 cant who meets all of the following conditions:

4 (a) is at least twenty-five years of age or older, but in no case more
5 than fifty-five years of age, as of January first of the calendar year
6 for the semester for which the applicant makes initial application;

7 (b) has applied for a New York state tuition assistance program award
8 pursuant to section six hundred sixty-seven of this chapter, a federal
9 Pell grant pursuant to section 1070 of title 20 of the United States
10 code, et. seq., and any other applicable financial aid;

11 (c) is matriculated at a community college of the state university of
12 New York or the city university of New York, as defined in subdivision
13 two of section sixty-three hundred one of this article or subdivision
14 four of section sixty-two hundred two of this title, respectively, in an
15 approved program directly leading to an associate's degree in a high-de-
16 mand field; provided that for the two thousand twenty-five -- two thou-
17 sand twenty-six academic year, such fields shall include but not be
18 limited to advanced manufacturing, technology, cybersecurity, engineer-
19 ing, artificial intelligence, nursing and allied health professions,
20 green and renewable energy, and pathways to teaching in shortage areas,
21 provided further that such fields may be updated annually thereafter by
22 the department of labor no later than one hundred eighty days prior to
23 the first start date of the fall term of such community colleges, and
24 provided further that the eligibility of such approved program estab-
25 lished in the semester for which the applicant makes initial application
26 shall continue;

1 (d) is eligible for the payment of tuition and fees at a rate no
2 greater than that imposed for resident students in community colleges;
3 and

4 (e) has not already obtained any postsecondary degree, provided that
5 nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit the eligibility
6 of a student who is already enrolled in an eligible associate degree
7 program on the effective date of this section and who meets all the
8 other eligibility requirements of this subdivision.

9 2. Amount. Within amounts appropriated therefor, and subject to avail-
10 ability of funds, awards shall be granted for the two thousand twenty-
11 five -- two thousand twenty-six academic year and thereafter to appli-
12 cants who are determined to be eligible to receive such awards. Such
13 awards shall be calculated on a per term basis prior to the start of
14 each term the applicant is successfully enrolled and shall not exceed
15 the positive difference, if any, of (a) the sum of actual tuition, fees,
16 books, and applicable supplies charged to the applicant and approved by
17 the applicable community college, less (b) the sum of all payments
18 received by the applicant from all sources of financial aid received by
19 the applicant with the exception of aid received pursuant to federal
20 work-study programs authorized under sections 1087-51 through 1087-58 of
21 title 20 of the United States code and educational loans taken by the
22 applicant or guardian.

23 3. Additional provisions. An eligible recipient shall complete at
24 least six credits per semester, for a total of at least twelve credits
25 per academic year, in an approved program of study. An eligible recipi-
26 ent shall be continuously enrolled without a gap of more than one
27 academic year, provided that such duration may be extended for an allow-
28 able interruption of study including, but not limited to, death of a

1 family member, medical leave, military service, and parental leave.
2 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this section, if an appli-
3 cant fails to meet the eligibility criteria of this section at any
4 point, no further awards shall be made to the applicant.

5 4. Conditions. (a) An eligible recipient shall continue to make satis-
6 factory academic progress in order to maintain continued eligibility for
7 an award pursuant to this section.

8 (b) Each campus that enrolls students pursuant to this section shall
9 take steps consistent with established policy to maximize the award of
10 credit for prior learning for participating students.

11 (c) No student shall receive an award pursuant to this section for
12 greater than ten semesters.

13 (d) A student who earns college credit pursuant to this section shall
14 be entitled to transfer such credit to another state university of New
15 York or city university of New York campus consistent with transfer
16 policies established by the state university of New York or city univer-
17 sity of New York.

18 5. Reporting. By September first, two thousand twenty-six, and by
19 September first of each year thereafter, the chancellor of the state
20 university of New York and the chancellor of the city university of New
21 York shall each submit a report to the governor, the speaker of the
22 assembly, and the temporary president of the senate, including but not
23 limited to the following information:

24 (a) enrollment data by full and part-time status;

25 (b) retention and completion rates by full and part-time status;

26 (c) barriers to student participation;

27 (d) demographic data related to the program;

28 (e) average prior learning and transfer credit awarded;

1 (f) the total amount of funds awarded and the average award per
2 student; and

3 (g) post-completion outcomes including transfer, employment, and
4 wages, as applicable.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

6 PART G

7 Section 1. Section 292 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
8 subdivision 42 to read as follows:

9 42. The term "real estate appraisal" shall have the same meaning as in
10 subdivision two of section one hundred sixty-a of this chapter.
11 Provided, however, that (a) real estate appraisals subject to this arti-
12 cle include those performed by any person or entity whose business holds
13 itself out as engaging in residential real estate appraisals, regardless
14 of whether or not such person or entity is certified or licensed to
15 provide real estate appraisals pursuant to the provisions of article
16 six-E of this chapter, and (b) for the purposes of this article, the
17 real estate appraisal includes all oral communications and all written
18 comments and other documents submitted as support for the estimate,
19 opinion of value, or analysis.

20 § 2. Subdivision 5 of section 296 of the executive law is amended by
21 adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

22 (h) It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice for any person to
23 discriminate against any individual in making real estate appraisal
24 services available or to base a real estate appraisal, estimate, or
25 opinion of value on the race, creed, color, national origin, citizen-
26 ship or immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity or

1 expression, military status, sex, age, disability, marital status,
2 status as a victim of domestic violence, lawful source of income, or
3 familial status of either the prospective owners or occupants of the
4 real property, the present owners or occupants of the real property, or
5 the present owners or occupants of the real properties in the vicinity
6 of the property. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a real estate
7 appraiser from taking into consideration factors other than race, creed,
8 color, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, sexual orien-
9 tation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, age, disa-
10 bility, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, lawful
11 source of income, or familial status.

12 § 3. Subdivision 9 of section 160-e of the executive law, as amended
13 by chapter 397 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

14 9. To suspend and revoke certificates or licenses or impose fines
15 pursuant to the disciplinary proceedings provided for in this article.

16 § 4. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 160-u of the
17 executive law, as amended by chapter 397 of the laws of 1991, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 The rights of any holder under a state certificate as a state certi-
20 fied real estate appraiser, or a license as a state licensed real estate
21 appraiser, may be revoked or suspended, or the holder of the certif-
22 ication or license may be otherwise disciplined in accordance with the
23 provisions of this article, upon any of the grounds set forth in this
24 section. As an alternative or in addition to such suspension or revoca-
25 tion, a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars may be imposed on any
26 holder of the certification or license, provided that fifty percent of
27 all moneys received by the department of state for such fines shall be
28 payable to the anti-discrimination in housing fund established pursuant

1 to section eighty-a of the state finance law. The department may inves-
2 tigate the actions of a state certified or licensed real estate
3 appraiser, and may [revoke or suspend the rights of] sanction or other-
4 wise discipline a certificate or license holder [or otherwise discipline
5 a state certified or licensed real estate appraiser] for any of the
6 following acts or omissions:

7 § 5. Subdivision 1 of section 160-v of the executive law, as amended
8 by chapter 241 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

9 1. Before suspending or revoking any certification or license or
10 imposing any fines on a holder of a certification or license, the
11 department shall notify the state certified or licensed real estate
12 appraiser or licensed real estate appraiser assistant in writing of any
13 charges made at least twenty days prior to the date set for the hearing
14 and shall afford [him or her] such real estate appraiser or such real
15 estate appraiser assistant an opportunity to be heard in person or by
16 counsel.

17 § 6. Subdivision 2 of section 160-w of the executive law, as amended
18 by chapter 241 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

19 2. If the department determined that a state certified or licensed
20 real estate appraiser or licensed real estate appraiser assistant is
21 guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of this article, it shall
22 prepare a finding of fact and recommend that such appraiser be repri-
23 manded [or], that [his or her] their certification or license be
24 suspended or revoked, and/or indicate whether a fine shall be imposed.
25 The decision and order of the department shall be final.

26 § 7. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 80-a of the state finance law,
27 subdivision 2 as added by chapter 687 of the laws of 2021 and subdivi-

1 sion 3 as amended by chapter 89 of the laws of 2022, are amended to read
2 as follows:

3 2. The anti-discrimination in housing fund shall consist of moneys
4 appropriated thereto, moneys transferred from any other fund or sources,
5 fifty percent of all fines and forfeitures collected pursuant to subdivi-
6 vision one of section one hundred sixty-u of the executive law, and
7 fifty percent of all fines and forfeitures collected pursuant to para-
8 graph (a) of subdivision one of section four hundred forty-one-c of the
9 real property law. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the
10 state from receiving grants, gifts or bequests for the purposes of the
11 fund as defined in this section and depositing them into the fund
12 according to law.

13 3. The moneys in the anti-discrimination in housing fund shall be kept
14 separate from and shall not be commingled with any other moneys in the
15 custody of the state comptroller. Such moneys shall be made available to
16 the office of the attorney general, for [fair housing testing] programs
17 assisting with fair housing compliance, which includes, but is not
18 limited to, fair housing testing, outreach and education on fair housing
19 protections, addressing and investigating fair housing allegations and
20 complaints, and addressing discrimination in appraisals, including new
21 appraisals and appraisal review, through allocation of grants to duly
22 applying county, city, town or village human rights commissions, or
23 other duly applying county, city, town, village or not-for-profit enti-
24 ties specializing in the prevention of unlawful discrimination in hous-
25 ing, to detect unlawful discrimination in housing.

26 § 8. Severability. If any provision of this act, or any application of
27 any provision of this act, is held to be invalid, that shall not affect
28 the validity or effectiveness of any other provision of this act, or of

1 any other application of any provision of this act, which can be given
2 effect without that provision or application; and to that end, the
3 provisions and applications of this act are severable.

4 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

5 PART H

6 Section 1. Section 340 of the general business law is amended by
7 adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

8 2-a. (a) Subject to the exceptions hereinafter provided in this subdivi-
9 vision, the provisions of this article shall apply to coordinators
10 pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subdivision and to residential rental
11 property owners or managers pursuant to paragraph (d) of this subdivi-
12 sion.

13 (b) As used in this subdivision, the following terms shall have the
14 following meanings:

15 (i) "Algorithm" means a computational process that uses a set of rules
16 to define a sequence of operations.

17 (ii) "Algorithmic device" means any machine, device, computer program
18 or computer software that, on its own or with human assistance performs
19 a coordinating function.

20 (iii) "Coordinating function" means performing all of the following
21 subfunctions, provided, however, that a product used for the purpose of
22 establishing rent or income limits in accordance with the rent stabili-
23 zation code or emergency tenant protection act or affordable housing
24 program guidelines of a local government, the state, the federal govern-
25 ment, or other political subdivision shall not be considered to be
26 performing a coordinating function:

1 (1) collecting historical or contemporaneous prices, supply levels, or
2 lease or rental contract termination and renewal dates of residential
3 dwelling units from two or more residential rental property owners or
4 managers, provided that at least two such residential rental property
5 owners or managers are not wholly-owned subsidiaries of the same parent
6 entity or otherwise owned or managed by the same residential rental
7 property owner or manager;

8 (2) analyzing or processing the information described in clause one of
9 this subparagraph using a system, software, or process that uses compu-
10 tation, including by using that information to train an algorithm; and

11 (3) recommending rental prices, lease renewal terms, ideal occupancy
12 levels, or other lease terms and conditions to a residential rental
13 property owner or manager.

14 (iv) "Coordinator" means any person or entity that operates or
15 licenses a software or data analytics service that performs a coordinat-
16 ing function for two or more residential rental property owners or
17 managers.

18 (v) "Residential rental property owner or manager" means any individ-
19 ual or entity that owns or is a beneficial owner of, directly or indi-
20 rectly, in whole or in part, or manages one or more residential rental
21 dwelling units in New York state.

22 (c) It shall be considered an unlawful violation of this article for a
23 coordinator to facilitate an agreement between or among two or more
24 residential rental property owners or managers to not compete with
25 respect to residential rental dwelling units, including by performing a
26 coordinating function on behalf of or between and among such residential
27 rental property owners or managers.

1 (d) It shall be considered an unlawful violation of this article for a
2 residential rental property owner or manager to enter into such an
3 agreement as is described in paragraph (c) of this subdivision either
4 expressly or by adjusting rental prices, lease renewal terms, occupancy
5 levels, or other lease terms and conditions in one or more of their
6 residential rental properties based on recommendations from an algorithm-
7 mic device performing a coordinating function.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
9 have become law.

10 PART I

11 Section 1. Section 7-107 of the general obligations law, as added by
12 chapter 917 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

13 § 7-107. Liability of a grantee or assignee for deposits made by
14 tenants upon conveyance of rent stabilized dwelling units. 1. This
15 section shall apply only to dwelling units subject to the New York city
16 rent stabilization law of nineteen hundred sixty-nine or the emergency
17 tenant protection act of nineteen seventy-four.

18 2. [(a) Any grantee or assignee of any dwelling unit referred to in
19 subdivision one of this section shall be liable to a tenant for any sum
20 of money or any other thing of value deposited as security for the full
21 performance by such tenant of the terms of his lease, plus any accrued
22 interest, if his or its predecessor in interest was liable for such
23 funds. Such liability shall attach whether or not the successor in
24 interest has, upon the conveyance of such dwelling unit, received the
25 sum as deposited.

1 (b) The liability of a receiver for payment of any security deposit
2 plus accrued interest pursuant to this subdivision shall be limited to
3 the amount of such deposit actually turned over to him or it pursuant to
4 subdivision one of section 7-105 of this chapter and to the operating
5 income in excess of expenses generated during his or its period of
6 receivership] No deposit or advance shall exceed the amount of one
7 month's rent under any contract for the lease or tenancy of a dwelling
8 unit subject to this section.

9 3. [Any agreement by a lessee or tenant of a dwelling unit waiving or
10 modifying his rights as set forth in this section shall be void] The
11 entire amount of the deposit or advance shall be refundable to the
12 tenant upon the tenant's vacating of the premises except for an amount
13 lawfully retained for the reasonable and itemized costs due to non-pay-
14 ment of rent, damage caused by the tenant beyond normal wear and tear,
15 non-payment of utility charges payable directly to the landlord under
16 the terms of the lease or tenancy, and moving and storage of the
17 tenant's belongings. The landlord may not retain any amount of the
18 deposit for costs relating to ordinary wear and tear of occupancy or
19 damage caused by a prior tenant.

20 4. After initial lease signing but before the tenant begins occupancy,
21 the landlord shall offer the tenant the opportunity to inspect the prem-
22 ises with the landlord or the landlord's agent to determine the condi-
23 tion of the property. If the tenant requests such inspection, the
24 parties shall execute a written agreement before the tenant begins occu-
25 pancy of the unit attesting to the condition of the property and specif-
26 ically noting any existing defects or damages. Upon the tenant's vacat-
27 ing of the premises, the landlord may not retain any amount of the
28 deposit or advance due to any condition, defect, or damage noted in such

1 agreement. The agreement shall be admissible as evidence of the condi-
2 tion of the premises at the beginning of occupancy only in proceedings
3 related to the return or amount of the security deposit.

4 5. Within a reasonable time after notification of either party's
5 intention to terminate the tenancy, unless the tenant terminates the
6 tenancy with less than two weeks' notice, the landlord shall notify the
7 tenant in writing of the tenant's right to request an inspection before
8 vacating the premises and of the tenant's right to be present at the
9 inspection. If the tenant requests such an inspection, the inspection
10 shall be made no earlier than two weeks and no later than one week
11 before the end of the tenancy. The landlord shall provide at least
12 forty-eight hours written notice of the date and time of the inspection.
13 After the inspection, the landlord shall provide the tenant with an
14 itemized statement specifying repairs or cleaning that are proposed to
15 be the basis of any deductions from the tenant's deposit. The tenant
16 shall have the opportunity to cure any such condition before the end of
17 the tenancy. Any statement produced pursuant to this subdivision shall
18 only be admissible in proceedings related to the return or amount of the
19 security deposit.

20 6. Within fourteen days after the tenant has vacated the premises, the
21 landlord shall provide the tenant with an itemized statement indicating
22 the basis for the amount of the deposit retained, if any, and shall
23 return any remaining portion of the deposit to the tenant. If a landlord
24 fails to provide the tenant with the statement and deposit within four-
25 teen days, the landlord shall forfeit any right to retain any portion of
26 the deposit.

1 7. In any action or proceeding disputing the amount of any amount of
2 the deposit retained, the landlord shall bear the burden of proof as to
3 the reasonableness of the amount retained.

4 8. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
5 liable for actual damages, provided a person found to have willfully
6 violated this section shall be liable for punitive damages of up to
7 twice the amount of the deposit or advance.

8 9. (a) In circumstances where any sum of money or any other thing of
9 value deposited as security for the full performance by a tenant of the
10 terms of their lease is not turned over to a successor in interest
11 pursuant to section 7-105 of this title, the grantee or assignee of the
12 leased premises shall also be liable to such tenant, upon conveyance of
13 such leased premises, for the repayment of any such security deposit,
14 plus accrued interest, as to which such grantee or assignee has actual
15 knowledge.

16 (b) For purposes of this section, a grantee or assignee of the leased
17 premises shall be deemed to have actual knowledge of any security depos-
18 it which is (i) deposited at any time during the six months immediately
19 prior to closing or other transfer of title in any banking organization
20 pursuant to subdivision two-a of section 7-103 of this title, or (ii)
21 acknowledged in any lease in effect at the time of closing or other
22 transfer of title, or (iii) supported by documentary evidence provided
23 by the tenant or lessee as set forth in paragraph (c) of this subdivi-
24 sion.

25 (c) With respect to any leased premises for which there is no record
26 of security deposit pursuant to subparagraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph
27 (b) of this subdivision, the grantee or assignee of the leased premises
28 shall be obligated to notify the tenant thereof in writing no later than

1 thirty days following the closing or other transfer of title to the fact
2 that there is no record of a security deposit for said leased premises
3 and that unless the tenant within thirty days after receiving notice
4 provides them or it with documentary evidence of deposit, the tenant
5 shall have no further recourse against them or it for said security
6 deposit. For purposes of this subdivision, "documentary evidence" shall
7 be limited to any cancelled check drawn to the order of, a receipt from,
8 or a lease signed by any predecessor in interest, if such predecessor's
9 interest in the leased premises existed on or after the effective date
10 of this paragraph. Except as otherwise provided by subparagraphs (i) and
11 (ii) of paragraph (b) of this subdivision, the grantee or assignee of
12 the leased premises shall not be charged with actual knowledge of the
13 security deposit where the tenant fails within the thirty-day period to
14 provide such documentary evidence. Where the grantee or assignee of the
15 leased premises fails to notify the tenant as specified in this para-
16 graph within thirty days following the closing or other transfer of
17 title, the tenant shall be entitled to produce documentary evidence at
18 any time.

19 (d) The grantee or assignee of the leased premises shall have the
20 right to demand that the grantor or assignor thereof establish an escrow
21 account equal to one month's rent for any leased premises for which
22 there is no record of a security deposit pursuant to paragraph (b) of
23 this subdivision to be used for the purpose of holding harmless the
24 grantee or assignee in any case where, at a date subsequent to the clos-
25 ing or other transfer of title, the tenant gives notice pursuant to
26 paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

27 (e) The liability of a receiver for payment of any security deposit
28 plus accrued interest pursuant to this subdivision shall be limited to

1 the amount of such deposit actually turned over to them or it pursuant
2 to subdivision one of section 7-105 of this title and to the operating
3 income in excess of expenses generated during their or its period of
4 receivership.

5 10. Any agreement by a lessee or tenant of a dwelling waiving or modi-
6 fyng their rights as set forth in this section shall be absolutely
7 void.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
9 have become a law and shall apply to any lease or rental agreement or
10 renewal of a lease or rental agreement entered into on or after such
11 date.

12 PART J

13 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 1971 of the real
14 property actions and proceedings law, as amended by chapter 529 of the
15 laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

16 (b) In the case of a vacant dwelling, it is not sealed or continuously
17 guarded, in that admittance to the property may be gained without damag-
18 ing any portion of the property, as required by law or it was sealed or
19 is continuously guarded by a person other than the owner, a mortgagee,
20 lienor or agent thereof, and [either] any of the following facts exists:

21 (i) A vacate order of the department or other governmental agency
22 currently prohibits occupancy of the dwelling; or

23 (ii) The tax on such premises has been due and unpaid for a period of
24 at least one year; or

25 (iii) The property has had a zoning, building or property maintenance
26 code violation which has the potential to injure, endanger or unreason-

1 ably annoy the health and safety of others that has been continuously
2 outstanding and not remedied for a period of at least one year from the
3 date that the original notice of violation was served upon the property
4 owner pursuant to subdivision four of section three hundred eight of the
5 civil practice law and rules if the owner is a natural person, section
6 three hundred ten of the civil practice law and rules if the owner is a
7 partnership, section three hundred ten-a of the civil practice law and
8 rules if the owner is a limited partnership, section three hundred elev-
9 en of the civil practice law and rules if the owner is a corporation, or
10 section three hundred eleven-a of the civil practice law and rules if
11 the owner is a limited liability company; or
12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

13 PART K

14 Section 1. The real property tax law is amended by adding a new
15 section 457-a to read as follows:

16 § 457-a. Exemption for eligible residential property transferred to a
17 low-income household. 1. As used in this section:

18 (a) "Nonprofit housing organization" means a nonprofit organization
19 exempt from certain taxes pursuant to section 501(c)(3) or section
20 501(c)(4) of the United States internal revenue code and/or that is
21 incorporated under the not-for-profit corporation law whose primary
22 purpose is the construction or renovation of residential affordable
23 housing for conveyance to households that meet certain income require-
24 ments.

25 (b) "Community land trust" means a nonprofit organization exempt from
26 certain taxes pursuant to section 501(c)(3) or section 501(c)(4) of the

1 United State internal revenue code and/or that is incorporated under the
2 not-for-profit corporation law whose primary purpose is to provide
3 affordable housing by owning land and leasing or selling residential
4 housing situated on that land to households that meet certain income
5 requirements.

6 (c) "Land bank" means an entity created in accordance with article
7 sixteen of the not-for-profit corporation law.

8 (d) "Qualified low-income household" means a household with an income
9 upon initial occupancy of the residential property of not more than
10 eighty percent of the area median income, as annually defined by the
11 United States department of housing and urban development, and which has
12 agreed to occupy such residential property as a primary residence. The
13 nonprofit housing organization, community land trust, land bank, or
14 appropriate governmental entity shall certify that a household meets the
15 income and residency criteria to be considered a qualified low-income
16 household and shall determine the income and assets that shall be used
17 to determine a household's income for eligibility purposes.

18 2. (a) Residential real property subject to a restrictive covenant or
19 declaration, legal requirement, regulatory agreement or other contractu-
20 al obligation with a governmental entity, nonprofit housing organiza-
21 tion, or land bank, and transferred to a qualified low-income household,
22 or where the land is transferred to a community land trust and the resi-
23 dential building situated on the land is or will be leased or sold to a
24 qualified low-income household, shall be exempt as provided in paragraph
25 (b) of this subdivision from taxation levied by or on behalf of any
26 county, city, town, village or school district in which such residential
27 property is located, provided the legislative body or governing board of
28 such county, city, town or village, after public hearing, adopts a local

1 law, or a school district, other than a school district to which article
2 fifty-two of the education law applies, adopts a resolution providing
3 therefor.

4 (b) The real property tax exemption shall be an amount that is not
5 less than twenty-five percent nor more than fifty percent of the
6 assessed value of the property as provided in legislation or resolution
7 pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

8 (c) A copy of any such local law or resolution shall be filed with the
9 assessor of such county, city, town, or village who prepares the assess-
10 ment roll on which the taxes of such county, city, town, village, or
11 school district are levied.

12 3. (a) The exemption granted pursuant to this section shall be discon-
13 tinued in any of the following circumstances:

14 (i) in the event that a property granted an exemption pursuant to this
15 section ceases to be used primarily for residential purposes;

16 (ii) in the event that a property granted an exemption pursuant to
17 this section ceases to be used as a primary residence; or

18 (iii) in the event that a property granted an exemption pursuant to
19 this section is transferred to another person or entity, other than to
20 any heirs or distributees of the owner that meet the requirements of
21 being a qualified low-income household at the time of such transfer.

22 (b) Upon determining that an exemption granted pursuant to this
23 section should be discontinued, the assessor shall mail a notice so
24 stating to the owner or owners thereof at the time and in the manner
25 provided by section five hundred ten of this chapter. Such owner or
26 owners shall be entitled to seek administrative and judicial review of
27 such action in the manner provided by law, provided that the burden

1 shall be on such owner or owners to establish eligibility for the
2 exemption.

3 4. Such exemption shall be granted only upon application by the owner
4 or owners of such real property on a form prescribed by the commission-
5 er. The application shall be filed with the assessor of the county,
6 city, town, or village having the power to assess property for taxation
7 on or before the appropriate taxable status date of such county, city,
8 town, or village.

9 5. If satisfied that the applicant is entitled to an exemption pursu-
10 ant to this section, the assessor shall approve the application, and
11 such residential property shall thereafter be exempt from taxation and
12 special ad valorem levies as provided in this section commencing with
13 the assessment roll prepared on the basis of the taxable status date
14 referred to in subdivision four of this section. The assessed value of
15 any exemption granted pursuant to this section shall be entered by the
16 assessor on the assessment roll with the taxable property, with the
17 amount of the exemption shown in a separate column.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
19 have become a law.

20 PART L

21 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 33 of the private
22 housing finance law, as amended by chapter 229 of the laws of 1989, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a) Upon the consent of the local legislative body of any municipality
25 in which a project is or is to be located, the real property in a
26 project shall be exempt from local and municipal taxes, other than

1 assessments for local improvements, to the extent of all or part of the
2 value of the property included in such project which represents an
3 increase over the assessed valuation of the real property, both land and
4 improvements, acquired for the project at the time of its acquisition by
5 the limited-profit housing company, provided, however, that the real
6 property in a project acquired for purposes of rehabilitation shall be
7 exempt to the extent of all or part of the value of the property
8 included in such project, and further provided that the amount of such
9 taxes to be paid shall not be less than ten per centum of the annual
10 shelter rent or carrying charges of such project except that for
11 projects located or to be located in a city of a population of one
12 million or more, [upon the consent of the local legislative body of the
13 municipality, the amount of such taxes to be paid may be set at not less
14 than (i) the taxes payable with respect to the real property in such
15 project with respect to the year nineteen hundred seventy-three, or,
16 (ii) if such project was not occupied in such year, not less than ten
17 per centum of the annual shelter rent or carrying charges first estab-
18 lished pursuant to subdivision one of section thirty-one of this arti-
19 cle] the amount of such taxes shall be no more than five per centum of
20 the annual shelter rent or carrying charges of the project. Upon the
21 consent of the local legislative body of a municipality, other than a
22 city with a population of one million or more, in which the project is
23 located, the amount of such taxes may be further reduced to five per
24 centum or less of the annual shelter rent or carrying charges of the
25 project. Any such granted consent to reduce the amount of such taxes
26 shall expire every ten years. If such authorization is not renewed, the
27 rate of taxation shall revert to the level established before the
28 consent was granted. Shelter rent shall mean the total rents received

1 from the occupants of a project less the cost of providing to the occu-
2 pants electricity, gas, heat and other utilities. Total rents shall
3 include rent supplements and subsidies received from the federal govern-
4 ment, the state or a municipality on behalf of such occupants[,] but
5 shall not include interest reduction payments pursuant to subdivision
6 (a) of section two hundred one of the Federal Housing and Urban Develop-
7 ment Act of nineteen hundred sixty-eight. The tax exemption shall oper-
8 ate and continue so long as the mortgage loans of the company, including
9 any additional mortgage loan the proceeds of which are used primarily
10 for the residential portion of the project, which additional loan is
11 approved by the commissioner or the supervising agency, are outstanding.

12 § 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 33 of the private hous-
13 ing finance law, as amended by chapter 229 of the laws of 1989, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this
16 subdivision, the real property of a state urban development corporation
17 project acquired, owned, constructed, managed or operated by a company
18 incorporated pursuant to the not-for-profit corporation law and this
19 article shall be entitled to all the benefits provided by section four
20 hundred twenty-two of the real property tax law. The real property of a
21 state urban development corporation project, other than a state urban
22 development corporation project acquired, owned, constructed, managed or
23 operated by a company incorporated pursuant to the not-for-profit corpo-
24 ration law and this article, shall be exempt from all local and municipi-
25 pal taxes, other than assessments for local improvements, to the extent
26 of the value of the property included in such project as represents an
27 increase over the assessed valuation of the real property, both land and
28 improvements, acquired for the project on the date of its acquisition by

1 the limited-profit housing company, provided that the amount of such
2 taxes to be paid shall not be less than ten per centum of the annual
3 shelter rent or carrying charges of such project, as defined in para-
4 graph (a) hereof, except that in a city with a population of one million
5 or more, the amount of such taxes shall be no more than five per centum
6 of the annual shelter rent or carrying charges of the project. Upon the
7 consent of the local legislative body of the municipality, other than a
8 city with a population of one million or more, in which the project is
9 located, the amount of such taxes may be further reduced to five per
10 centum or less of the annual shelter rent or carrying charges of the
11 project. Any such granted consent to reduce the amount of such taxes
12 shall expire every ten years. If such authorization is not renewed, the
13 rate of taxation shall revert to the level established before the
14 consent was granted. The tax exemption shall operate and continue so
15 long as the mortgage loans of such limited profit housing company,
16 including any additional mortgage loan the proceeds of which are used
17 primarily for the residential portion of the project, which additional
18 loan is approved by the commissioner or the supervising agency, are
19 outstanding and the project is continued to be operated as a limited-
20 profit housing project. If a state urban development corporation project
21 qualifying for tax exemption pursuant to this paragraph is sold, with
22 the approval of the commissioner, to another limited-profit housing
23 company, such successor company shall be entitled to all the benefits of
24 this paragraph. In the event that such sale is to a company incorporated
25 pursuant to the not-for-profit corporation law and this article, such
26 successor company shall be entitled to all the benefits provided by
27 section four hundred twenty-two of the real property tax law.

1 § 3. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 33 of the private hous-
2 ing finance law, as amended by chapter 744 of the laws of 1977, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this
5 subdivision, when a project is financed with a mortgage loan pursuant to
6 this article or article three of this chapter and (i) there is a partic-
7 ipation, new loan or investment pursuant to section twenty-three-b of
8 this article or (ii) such mortgage loan is assigned, modified or satis-
9 fied pursuant to section twenty-three-a or forty-four-b or subdivision
10 twenty-two-a of section six hundred fifty-four of this chapter, the real
11 property of the project shall be exempt from all local and municipal
12 taxes, other than assessments for local improvements, to the extent of
13 the value of the real property included in such project which represents
14 an increase over the assessed valuation of the real property, both land
15 and improvements, acquired for the project on the date of its original
16 acquisition for the project by the original mortgagor under a mortgage
17 loan pursuant to this article or article three of this chapter, provided
18 that the amount of taxes to be paid on the project shall not be less
19 than ten per centum of the annual shelter rent or carrying charges of
20 such project, as defined in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, except
21 that in a city with a population of one million or more, the amount of
22 such taxes shall be no more than five per centum of the annual shelter
23 rent or carrying charges of the project. Upon the consent of the local
24 legislative body of the municipality, other than a city with a popu-
25 lation of one million or more, in which the project is located, the
26 amount of such taxes may be further reduced to five per centum or less
27 of the annual shelter rent or carrying charges of the project. Any such
28 granted consent to reduce the amount of such taxes shall expire every

1 ten years. If such authorization is not renewed, the rate of taxation
2 shall revert to the level established before the consent was granted.
3 Such tax exemption shall commence in each instance from the date when
4 the project becomes subject to a mortgage insured by the federal govern-
5 ment and shall operate and continue so long as a mortgage on such
6 project is insured or held by the federal government or so long as the
7 project is thereafter owned by the federal government or so long as any
8 residual indebtedness is outstanding, whichever is longer. When there is
9 a participation, new loan or investment pursuant to section twenty-
10 three-b of this article, such participation, new loan or investment
11 shall be deemed to be the equivalent of a federally insured mortgage for
12 purposes of this paragraph. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be
13 construed to limit or otherwise impair the benefits available to any
14 company eligible for exemption from taxation pursuant to section thir-
15 ty-one or section thirty-six-a of this article, section four hundred
16 twenty-two or section four hundred sixty-seven-c of the real property
17 tax law, or section fifty-eight of the public housing law. The foregoing
18 shall not be deemed to authorize any company to receive the benefits of
19 any exemption from taxation in contravention of the provisions of
20 section two of article eighteen of the constitution.

21 § 4. Subdivision 4 of section 33 of the private housing finance law,
22 as amended by chapter 229 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one hereof, when a
25 mutual company is organized under this article to facilitate the acqui-
26 sition of a building by residents thereof, the amount of local and
27 municipal taxes, other than assessments for local improvements, to be
28 paid on the real property included in such project, both land and

1 improvements, shall not exceed twenty per centum of the annual shelter
2 rent or carrying charges of such project, as defined in paragraph (a) of
3 subdivision one hereof; provided, however, that where such acquisition
4 of a building by residents thereof involves the financing of rehabili-
5 tation or other improvement as well as acquisition, upon the consent of
6 the local legislative body of the municipality in which the project is
7 located the amount of such taxes may be further reduced provided that
8 such amount shall not be less than ten per centum of the annual shelter
9 rent or carrying charges of the project, as defined in paragraph (a) of
10 subdivision one hereof; or the company may in lieu of requesting such
11 consent apply for the benefits of the local law, if any, enacted pursu-
12 ant to section four hundred eighty-nine of the real property tax law.
13 Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, in a city with
14 a population of one million or more, the amount of such taxes shall be
15 no more than five per centum of the annual shelter rent or carrying
16 charges of the project. Upon the consent of the local legislative body
17 of the municipality, other than a city with a population of one million
18 or more, in which the project is located, the amount of such taxes may
19 be further reduced to five per centum or less of the annual shelter rent
20 or carrying charges of the project. Any such granted consent to reduce
21 the amount of such taxes shall expire every ten years. If such authori-
22 zation is not renewed, the rate of taxation shall revert to the level
23 established before the consent was granted. Such tax exemption, if any,
24 granted pursuant to this article shall operate and continue so long as a
25 loan made under this article or any subsequent loan approved by the
26 commissioner or the supervising agency to enhance the residential
27 portion of the project and the project is continued to be operated for
28 the purposes set forth in this article is outstanding.

1 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

2 PART M

3 Section 1. The section heading of section 485-r of the real property
4 tax law, as added by chapter 406 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Residential redevelopment inhibited property exemption[; certain
7 cities].

8 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 485-r of the real property tax law, as
9 added by chapter 406 of the laws of 2015 and paragraph (f) as amended by
10 chapter 28 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

11 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the follow-
12 ing meanings:

13 (a) "Redevelopment inhibited property" shall mean a residential prop-
14 erty that has been neglected or abandoned because of the local economic
15 conditions and/or conditions on the property that inhibit such property
16 from being redeveloped by the private sector as described in subdivision
17 three of this section. Redevelopment inhibited property shall not
18 include land that is undeveloped.

19 (b) "Gap financing costs" shall mean the total cost of the property's
20 redevelopment as approved by the city, town, or village minus the
21 increase in the full valuation of the property upon completion of the
22 redevelopment.

23 (c) "Base assessment" shall mean the assessed value of the property on
24 the day the city, town, or village designates the property as redevelop-
25 ment inhibited.

1 (d) "Increased assessment" shall mean the assessed value of the prop-
2 erty as determined by the assessor upon completion of the redevelopment.

3 (e) "Incremental increase in annual property taxes" shall mean the
4 taxes based on the increased assessment minus the taxes based on the
5 base assessment.

6 [(f) "City" shall mean a city with a population of not less than
7 fifteen thousand two hundred fifty and not more than fifteen thousand
8 five hundred as determined by the latest federal decennial census.]

9 § 3. Subdivision 2 of section 485-r of the real property tax law, as
10 added by chapter 406 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

11 2. A city, town, or village may, by local law, provide for the
12 exemption of real property from taxation as provided in this section.
13 Subsequent to the adoption of such local law, the county in which such
14 city, town, or village is located may after a public hearing and by
15 local law, and any school district, all or part of which is located in
16 such city, town, or village, may, by resolution, exempt such property
17 from its taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the city,
18 town, or village has done.

19 § 4. Subdivision 3 of section 485-r of the real property tax law, as
20 added by chapter 406 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

21 3. A local law adopted by a city, town, or village pursuant to subdi-
22 vision two of this section shall designate any property within [the]
23 such city, town, or village's boundaries as a redevelopment inhibited
24 property if one or more of the following are met:

25 (a) the city, town, or village has acquired title to the property
26 pursuant to article nineteen-A of the real property actions and
27 proceedings law; or

1 (b) the property has been continuously vacant for a period of at least
2 three years; or

3 (c) the county, city, town or village in which the property is located
4 has acquired title to the property via foreclosure for unpaid taxes
5 pursuant to article eleven of this chapter; or

6 (d) the property has outstanding zoning, housing, or uniform code
7 violations and the cost of remedying the violations exceeds the proper-
8 ty's value.

9 § 5. Subdivision 4 of section 485-r of the real property tax law, as
10 added by chapter 406 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

11 4. (a) Upon the adoption of such local law, redevelopment inhibited
12 property shall be exempt from taxation and special ad valorem levies to
13 the extent of any increase in value attributable to demolition, alter-
14 ation, rehabilitation, or remediation pursuant to the following require-
15 ments:

16 (i) the demolition, alterations, rehabilitation, and/or remediation
17 shall be permitted by the [city's] applicable bureau of inspection such
18 that building or plumbing permits issued and said demolition, alter-
19 ations, rehabilitation, and/or remediation shall have met all necessary
20 approvals per the applicable New York state uniform fire prevention and
21 building code, the [city's] applicable municipal code and the [city's]
22 applicable bureau of inspection upon completion; and

23 (ii) the property for which the exemption is sought shall be [an
24 owner-occupied one-family residence] a one to four-unit residence and
25 occupied as the primary residence of the owner or a tenant; and

26 (iii) the owner of such property shall file annually an affidavit of
27 residency with the assessor of the city, town, or village on or before
28 the appropriate taxable status date [of such city], confirming continued

1 [owner-occupancy] occupancy of the property by the owner or a tenant as
2 their primary residence; and

3 (iv) the redevelopment inhibited property is exempt from taxation and
4 special ad valorem levies attributable to the increased assessment minus
5 the taxes and special ad valorem levies imposed on the base assessment.
6 Such exemption shall not apply to special assessments.

7 (b) In the event the property granted an exemption pursuant to this
8 section ceases to be [owner-]occupied as the primary residence of the
9 owner or tenant and/or the affidavit of residency is not filed annually
10 for the approved exemption period, the exemption granted pursuant to
11 this section shall cease.

12 (c) In the event the property granted an exemption pursuant to this
13 section ceases to be a [one-family] one to four-unit dwelling, the
14 exemption granted pursuant to this section shall cease.

15 (d) In the event the owner of the property is convicted of a violation
16 or misdemeanor pursuant to New York state uniform fire prevention and
17 building code or the [city's] applicable municipal code, the exemption
18 granted pursuant to this section shall cease.

19 § 6. Subdivision 6 of section 485-r of the real property tax law, as
20 added by chapter 406 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

21 6. (a) Such exemption shall be granted only upon application by the
22 owner of such building for the residential redevelopment inhibited prop-
23 erty exemption, on a form prescribed by the city, town, or village. Such
24 application must be filed with the assessor of the city, town, or
25 village on or before the appropriate taxable status date [of such city].
26 The application must be filed with the assessor of the city, town, or
27 village within three years from the date of completing the demolition,
28 alterations, rehabilitation, and/or remediation.

1 (b) The owner filing for such exemption shall not be required to be
2 the owner responsible for completing the demolition, alterations, reha-
3 bilitation, and/or remediation.

4 (c) If the assessor is satisfied that the applicant is entitled to an
5 exemption pursuant to this section, [he or she] such assessor shall
6 approve the application and such real property shall thereafter be
7 exempt from taxation and special ad valorem levies by the city, town, or
8 village commencing with the assessment roll prepared after the taxable
9 status date referred to in this subdivision. The assessed value of any
10 exemption granted pursuant to this section shall be entered by the
11 assessor of the city, town, or village on the assessment roll with the
12 taxable property, with the amount of the exemption shown in a separate
13 column.

14 (d) Once granted, the residential redevelopment inhibited property
15 exemption runs with the land for the exemption period pursuant to this
16 section.

17 § 7. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
18 have become a law.

19 PART N

20 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the housing
21 trust fund corporation may provide, for purposes of the neighborhood
22 preservation program, a sum not to exceed \$12,830,000 for the fiscal
23 year ending March 31, 2026. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
24 and subject to the approval of the New York state director of the budg-
25 et, the board of directors of the state of New York mortgage agency
26 shall authorize the transfer to the housing trust fund corporation, for

1 the purposes of reimbursing any costs associated with neighborhood pres-
2 ervation program contracts authorized by this section, a total sum not
3 to exceed \$12,830,000, such transfer to be made from (i) the special
4 account of the mortgage insurance fund created pursuant to section
5 2429-b of the public authorities law, in an amount not to exceed the
6 actual excess balance in the special account of the mortgage insurance
7 fund, as determined and certified by the state of New York mortgage
8 agency for the fiscal year 2024-2025 in accordance with section 2429-b
9 of the public authorities law, if any, and/or (ii) provided that the
10 reserves in the project pool insurance account of the mortgage insurance
11 fund created pursuant to section 2429-b of the public authorities law
12 are sufficient to attain and maintain the credit rating (as determined
13 by the state of New York mortgage agency) required to accomplish the
14 purposes of such account, the project pool insurance account of the
15 mortgage insurance fund, such transfer to be made as soon as practicable
16 but no later than June 30, 2025.

17 § 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the housing trust
18 fund corporation may provide, for purposes of the rural preservation
19 program, a sum not to exceed \$5,360,000 for the fiscal year ending March
20 31, 2026. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject to the
21 approval of the New York state director of the budget, the board of
22 directors of the state of New York mortgage agency shall authorize the
23 transfer to the housing trust fund corporation, for the purposes of
24 reimbursing any costs associated with rural preservation program
25 contracts authorized by this section, a total sum not to exceed
26 \$5,360,000, such transfer to be made from (i) the special account of the
27 mortgage insurance fund created pursuant to section 2429-b of the public
28 authorities law, in an amount not to exceed the actual excess balance in

1 the special account of the mortgage insurance fund, as determined and
2 certified by the state of New York mortgage agency for the fiscal year
3 2024-2025 in accordance with section 2429-b of the public authorities
4 law, if any, and/or (ii) provided that the reserves in the project pool
5 insurance account of the mortgage insurance fund created pursuant to
6 section 2429-b of the public authorities law are sufficient to attain
7 and maintain the credit rating (as determined by the state of New York
8 mortgage agency) required to accomplish the purposes of such account,
9 the project pool insurance account of the mortgage insurance fund, such
10 transfer to be made as soon as practicable but no later than June 30,
11 2025.

12 § 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the housing trust
13 fund corporation may provide, for purposes of the rural rental assist-
14 ance program pursuant to article 17-A of the private housing finance
15 law, a sum not to exceed \$23,455,000 for the fiscal year ending March
16 31, 2026. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject to
17 the approval of the New York state director of the budget, the board of
18 directors of the state of New York mortgage agency shall authorize the
19 transfer to the housing trust fund corporation, for the purposes of
20 reimbursing any costs associated with rural rental assistance program
21 contracts authorized by this section, a total sum not to exceed
22 \$23,455,000, such transfer to be made from (i) the special account of
23 the mortgage insurance fund created pursuant to section 2429-b of the
24 public authorities law, in an amount not to exceed the actual excess
25 balance in the special account of the mortgage insurance fund, as deter-
26 mined and certified by the state of New York mortgage agency for the
27 fiscal year 2024-2025 in accordance with section 2429-b of the public
28 authorities law, if any, and/or (ii) provided that the reserves in the

1 project pool insurance account of the mortgage insurance fund created
2 pursuant to section 2429-b of the public authorities law are sufficient
3 to attain and maintain the credit rating, as determined by the state of
4 New York mortgage agency, required to accomplish the purposes of such
5 account, the project pool insurance account of the mortgage insurance
6 fund, such transfer shall be made as soon as practicable but no later
7 than June 30, 2025.

8 § 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the homeless housing
9 and assistance corporation may provide, for purposes of the New York
10 state supportive housing program, the solutions to end homelessness
11 program or the operational support for AIDS housing program, or to qual-
12 ified grantees under such programs, in accordance with the requirements
13 of such programs, a sum not to exceed \$56,381,000 for the fiscal year
14 ending March 31, 2026. The homeless housing and assistance corporation
15 may enter into an agreement with the office of temporary and disability
16 assistance to administer such sum in accordance with the requirements of
17 such programs. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject
18 to the approval of the New York state director of the budget, the board
19 of directors of the state of New York mortgage agency shall authorize
20 the transfer to the homeless housing and assistance corporation, a total
21 sum not to exceed \$56,381,000, such transfer to be made from (i) the
22 special account of the mortgage insurance fund created pursuant to
23 section 2429-b of the public authorities law, in an amount not to exceed
24 the actual excess balance in the special account of the mortgage insur-
25 ance fund, as determined and certified by the state of New York mortgage
26 agency for the fiscal year 2024-2025 in accordance with section 2429-b
27 of the public authorities law, if any, and/or (ii) provided that the
28 reserves in the project pool insurance account of the mortgage insurance

1 fund created pursuant to section 2429-b of the public authorities law
2 are sufficient to attain and maintain the credit rating as determined by
3 the state of New York mortgage agency, required to accomplish the
4 purposes of such account, the project pool insurance account of the
5 mortgage insurance fund, such transfer shall be made as soon as practi-
6 cable but no later than March 31, 2026.

7 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

8 PART O

9 Section 1. Section 3 of part N of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020,
10 amending the social services law relating to restructuring financing for
11 residential school placements, as amended by section 1 of part G of
12 chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

13 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately [and shall expire and be
14 deemed repealed April 1, 2025]; provided however that the amendments to
15 subdivision 10 of section 153 of the social services law made by section
16 one of this act, shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and
17 shall be deemed to expire therewith.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
19 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2025.

20 PART P

21 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
22 390-n to read as follows:

23 § 390-n. Child care support center; operating certificate required. 1.
24 For purposes of this section, "child care support center" shall mean a

1 business entity that is certified by the office of children and family
2 services to place individuals as substitute caregivers at child day care
3 centers, group family day care homes, family day care homes, or school
4 age child care programs as defined in section three hundred ninety of
5 this title for the purpose of providing child day care.

6 2. The office of children and family services shall be authorized to
7 certify, regulate, and inspect child care support centers. The office of
8 children and family services may, at its discretion, limit the number of
9 operating certificates issued.

10 3. No entity may place substitute caregivers at child day care
11 centers, group family day care homes, family day care homes, or school
12 age child care programs unless it possesses a valid operating certif-
13 icate issued by the office of children and family services.

14 4. Prior to placing an individual as a substitute caregiver at a child
15 day care center, group family day care home, family day care home, or
16 school age child care program as defined in section three hundred ninety
17 of this title for the purpose of providing child day care, a child care
18 support center shall verify that the substitute caregiver has met the:

19 (a) standards and training requirements set forth in section three
20 hundred ninety-a of this title for child day care program employees;

21 (b) criminal history review and background clearance requirements of
22 section three hundred ninety-b of this title for prospective employees
23 of a child day care program; and

24 (c) any other requirements established by the regulations of the
25 office of children and family services.

26 5. Operating certificates issued under this section shall remain valid
27 unless surrendered by the child care support center or revoked by the
28 office of children and family services. The office of children and fami-

1 ly services may revoke an operating certificate at any time upon a
2 determination that the child care support center has not operated in
3 accordance with applicable state or federal law.

4 6. The office of children and family services shall deny an applica-
5 tion for certification of a child care support center if the applicant
6 had an operating certificate revoked within the two years prior to the
7 date of application.

8 § 2. Section 390-b of the social services law is amended by adding a
9 new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

10 12. A child care support center certified pursuant to section three
11 hundred ninety-n of this title shall be authorized to request clearances
12 for substitute caregivers in accordance with this section. Substitute
13 caregivers shall be considered "prospective employees" of a child day
14 care program under subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision
15 two of this section.

16 § 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
17 law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment, and/or repeal of
18 any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on
19 its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before
20 such effective date.

21 PART Q

22 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 5 of section 131-a of the
23 social services law, as added by chapter 1053 of the laws of 1981, is
24 amended and a new paragraph (f-1) is added to read as follows:

25 (e) [Provision] provision of allowances as prescribed by regulations
26 of the department to meet the needs of a pregnant [woman, beginning with

1 the fourth month of pregnancy which has been medically verified.]
2 person;

3 (f-1) a one-time benefit to public assistance recipients upon the
4 birth of a new child, as prescribed by regulations of the department.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
6 it shall have become a law.

7 PART R

8 Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision 1 of
9 section 131-o of the social services law, as amended by section 1 of
10 part H of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, are amended to read as
11 follows:

12 (a) in the case of each individual receiving family care, an amount
13 equal to at least [\\$181.00] \\$186.00 for each month beginning on or after
14 January first, two thousand [twenty-four] twenty-five.

15 (b) in the case of each individual receiving residential care, an
16 amount equal to at least [\\$208.00] \\$213.00 for each month beginning on
17 or after January first, two thousand [twenty-four] twenty-five.

18 (c) in the case of each individual receiving enhanced residential
19 care, an amount equal to at least [\\$249.00] \\$255.00 for each month
20 beginning on or after January first, two thousand [twenty-four] twenty-
21 five.

22 (d) for the period commencing January first, two thousand [twenty-
23 five] twenty-six, the monthly personal needs allowance shall be an
24 amount equal to the sum of the amounts set forth in subparagraphs one
25 and two of this paragraph:

1 (1) the amounts specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this
2 subdivision; and

3 (2) the amount in subparagraph one of this paragraph, multiplied by
4 the percentage of any federal supplemental security income cost of
5 living adjustment which becomes effective on or after January first, two
6 thousand [twenty-five] twenty-six, but prior to June thirtieth, two
7 thousand [twenty-five] twenty-six, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

8 § 2. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision 2 of
9 section 209 of the social services law, as amended by section 2 of part
10 H of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, are amended to read as follows:

11 (a) On and after January first, two thousand [twenty-four]
12 twenty-five, for an eligible individual living alone, [\$1,030.00]
13 \$1,054.00; and for an eligible couple living alone, [\$1,519.00]
14 \$1,554.00.

15 (b) On and after January first, two thousand [twenty-four]
16 twenty-five, for an eligible individual living with others with or with-
17 out in-kind income, [\$966.00] \$990.00; and for an eligible couple living
18 with others with or without in-kind income, [\$1,461.00] \$1,496.00.

19 (c) On and after January first, two thousand [twenty-four]
20 twenty-five, (i) for an eligible individual receiving family care,
21 [\$1,209.48] \$1,233.48 if [he or she] such individual is receiving such
22 care in the city of New York or the county of Nassau, Suffolk, Westches-
23 ter or Rockland; and (ii) for an eligible couple receiving family care
24 in the city of New York or the county of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester or
25 Rockland, two times the amount set forth in subparagraph (i) of this
26 paragraph; or (iii) for an eligible individual receiving such care in
27 any other county in the state, [\$1,171.48] \$1,195.48; and (iv) for an

1 eligible couple receiving such care in any other county in the state,
2 two times the amount set forth in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph.

3 (d) On and after January first, two thousand [twenty-four]
4 twenty-five, (i) for an eligible individual receiving residential care,
5 [\$1,378.00] \$1,402.00 if [he or she] such individual is receiving such
6 care in the city of New York or the county of Nassau, Suffolk, Westches-
7 ter or Rockland; and (ii) for an eligible couple receiving residential
8 care in the city of New York or the county of Nassau, Suffolk, Westches-
9 ter or Rockland, two times the amount set forth in subparagraph (i) of
10 this paragraph; or (iii) for an eligible individual receiving such care
11 in any other county in the state, [\$1,348.00] \$1,372.00; and (iv) for an
12 eligible couple receiving such care in any other county in the state,
13 two times the amount set forth in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph.

14 (e) On and after January first, two thousand [twenty-four]
15 twenty-five, (i) for an eligible individual receiving enhanced residen-
16 tial care, [\$1,637.00] \$1,661.00; and (ii) for an eligible couple
17 receiving enhanced residential care, two times the amount set forth in
18 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

19 (f) The amounts set forth in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this subdi-
20 vision shall be increased to reflect any increases in federal supple-
21 mental security income benefits for individuals or couples which become
22 effective on or after January first, two thousand [twenty-five] twenty-
23 six but prior to June thirtieth, two thousand [twenty-five] twenty-

24 § 3. This act shall take effect December 31, 2025.

1 Section 1. Section 4 of part W of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016
2 amending the social services law relating to the powers and duties of
3 the commissioner of social services relating to the appointment of a
4 temporary operator, as amended by section 1 of part T of chapter 56 of
5 the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

6 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
7 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2016, provided
8 further that this act shall expire and be deemed repealed March 31,
9 [2025] 2028.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

11 PART T

12 Section 1. Article 19-D of the labor law, as added by chapter 88 of
13 the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

14 ARTICLE 19-D

15 MINIMUM WAGE RATES FOR COVERED AIRPORT WORKERS

16 Section 696-a. Definitions.

17 [696-b. Certification to the commissioner.

18 696-c.] 696-b. Minimum wage rate for covered airport workers.

19 [696-d.] 696-c. Commissioner's powers of investigation.

20 [696-e.] 696-d. Records of employers.

21 [696-f.] 696-e. Penalties.

22 [696-g.] 696-f. Civil action.

23 [696-h.] 696-g. Regulations.

1 [696-i.] 696-h. Savings clause.

2 § 696-a. Definitions. As used in this article: 1. "Covered airport
3 location" means John F. Kennedy International Airport and LaGuardia
4 Airport or any location used to perform [airline catering] work [as such
5 work is described in subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of subdivision
6 two of this section] related to the preparation or delivery of food for
7 consumption on airplanes departing from John F. Kennedy International
8 Airport or LaGuardia Airport.

9 2. (a) "Covered airport worker" means any person employed to perform
10 work at a covered airport location [provided at least one-half of the
11 employee's time during any workweek is performed at a covered airport
12 location and who works in one of the following covered categories:

13 (i) Cleaning and related services, which shall mean:

14 (1) building cleaning, including warehouse, kitchen, and terminal
15 cleaning, including common areas, gateways, gates, lounges, clubs,
16 concession areas, terminal entryways from ramp and where planes park at
17 the gate, and other nearby facilities used for the preparation, packag-
18 ing, and storage of inflight meals and supplies; and

19 (2) aircraft and cabin cleaning, including lavatory and water disposal
20 and replenishment, lift truck driving and helping, dispatching, cleaning
21 crew driving, and sorting and packing of inflight materials, such as
22 blankets, pillows, and magazines;

23 (ii) Security related services, including catering security, escort-
24 ing, escort security, passenger aircraft security, fire guarding, termi-
25 nal security, baggage security, traffic security, cargo screening,
26 including guarding, warehouse security, concessions and airport lounge
27 security, security dispatch, and security at nearby facilities used for
28 the preparation, packaging, and storage of inflight meals; or

1 (iii) In terminal and passenger handling services, including baggage
2 handling, sky cap services, wheelchair attending, wheelchair dispatch-
3 ing, customer and passenger services, line queue, identification check-
4 ing, porter services for baggage, and passenger and employee shuttle
5 driving.

6 (iv) Airline catering, including work related to the preparation or
7 delivery of food or beverage for consumption on airplanes departing from
8 a covered airport location or related location; or

9 (v) Airport lounge services, including food and retail services].

10 (b) "Covered airport worker" shall not include [anyone who works in
11 one of the following non-covered categories:

12 (i) Non-cleaning and security related cargo and ramp services, includ-
13 ing ramp baggage and cargo handling, load control and ramp communi-
14 cation, aircraft mechanics and fueling of aircraft, provision of cool-
15 ing, heating, and power, passenger aircraft servicing, cabin equipment
16 maintenance, guiding aircraft in and out of gates, and gate side
17 aircraft maintenance;

18 (ii) Ramp and tarmac maintenance services, including operation of snow
19 plows, ramp cleaning vehicles, and tarmac sweepers;

20 (iii) Concession services, including food service, which includes food
21 and beverage service, wait service, and cashiers, and retail service,
22 which includes news, and gifts, and duty-free;

23 (c) "Covered airport worker" shall not include direct employees of the
24 Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, or any workers hired by
25 companies contracted by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey,
26 that are performing work under such contract] persons employed in an
27 executive, administrative, or professional capacity as defined in
28 subparagraph one of paragraph (a) of section thirteen of the Fair Labor

1 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. s.213 et seq.), or persons employed by
2 the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey or any other governmental
3 agency.

4 [(d)] (c) "Covered airport worker" shall [include only:

5 (i) Employees employed at a covered airport location on December thir-
6 tieth, two thousand twenty and who are working an average of at least
7 thirty hours per week; and

8 (ii) Employees employed at a covered airport location on or after
9 January first, two thousand twenty-three and who are working for an
10 average of thirty hours per week.

11 (e) "Covered airport worker" shall also not include persons employed
12 in an executive, administrative, or professional capacity as defined in
13 subparagraph one of paragraph (a) of section thirteen of the Fair Labor
14 Standards Act of 1938] for any week, not include an employee working at
15 a covered airport location during that week, for less than thirty hours.

16 3. "Successor airport employer" means any [person who furnishes clean-
17 ing and related services, security related services, in terminal and
18 passenger handling services, airline catering, or airport lounge
19 services] employer that employs covered airport workers who provide
20 services at a covered airport location that are substantially similar to
21 those that were provided by covered airport workers previously employed
22 by another employer at such covered airport location.

23 4. "Employer" means any person, corporation, limited liability compa-
24 ny, or association employing any individual in an occupation, industry,
25 trade, business or service. The term "employer" shall not include a
26 governmental agency.

27 5. [The "standard wage rate" means the greater of:

1 (a) any minimum wage rate that would be otherwise applicable to
2 covered airport workers established by article nineteen of this chapter;
3 or

4 (b) any otherwise applicable minimum wage rate established through a
5 policy of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey] The "applicable
6 standard rate" means the wage and benefit rates designated by the
7 commissioner based on the determinations made by the General Services
8 Administration pursuant to the federal McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract
9 Act of 1965 (41 U.S.C. 6701 et seq.), for the appropriate localities and
10 classifications of building service employees; provided, however, that
11 in no event shall the prevailing wage rate applicable to a covered
12 airport worker on and after January first, two thousand twenty-five and
13 every year thereafter be less than the following:

14 (a) any otherwise applicable minimum wage rate established through a
15 regulation of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and

16 (b) an amount of supplemental wages or a supplemental healthcare
17 contribution equal to the rate for health and welfare for all occupa-
18 tions, designated by the commissioner based on the determinations made
19 by the federal department of labor pursuant to the McNamara-O'Hara
20 Service Contract Act of 1965 (41 U.S.C. 6701 et seq.) for the geographic
21 region in which the covered airport location is situated and in effect
22 on the date of the designation by the commissioner; and

23 (c) paid leave equal to the paid leave requirements designated by the
24 commissioner the immediately preceding January first, based on the
25 determinations made by the General Services Administration pursuant to
26 the McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act of 1965 (41 U.S.C. 6701 et
27 seq.).

1 6. [The "standard benefits supplement rate" means an hourly supplement
2 of four dollars and fifty-four cents furnished to an employee by provid-
3 ing at least four dollars and fifty-four cents per hour toward the cost
4 of minimum essential coverage under an eligible employer-sponsored plan
5 as defined in treasury regulation section 1.5000A-2(c)(1) beginning on
6 July first, two thousand twenty-one. The standard benefits supplement
7 rate shall apply only to the first forty hours worked by each covered
8 airport worker in each week and shall not apply to any overtime hours
9 worked by any covered airport worker. The standard benefits supplement
10 rate shall apply to any paid leave taken by a covered airport worker
11 that does not exceed forty hours in a week] "Commissioner" means the
12 commissioner of labor of the state of New York.

13 [7. The "applicable standard rate" shall mean a combination of (a) the
14 standard wage rate; and (b) the standard benefits supplemental rate.

15 § 696-b. Certification to the commissioner. 1. No later than March
16 thirty-first, two thousand twenty-one, each employer of a covered
17 airport worker shall submit to the commissioner a sworn statement certi-
18 fying the total number of workers employed by such employer at a covered
19 airport location to perform cleaning and related services, security
20 related services, in terminal and passenger handling services, airline
21 catering, or airport lounge services, at a covered airport location on
22 December thirtieth, two thousand twenty, and identifying the number that
23 is equal to eighty percent of such total number of employees, which
24 shall be the December thirtieth, two thousand twenty benchmark for the
25 purposes of this section. Such statement shall further include an affir-
26 mation that such employer will ensure that the number of covered airport
27 workers it employs at a covered airport location between July first, two
28 thousand twenty-one and December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-two

1 is no less than the December thirtieth, two thousand twenty benchmark.
2 Such sworn statement shall be provided by the commissioner upon request
3 by any airport worker performing cleaning and related services, security
4 related services, in terminal and passenger handling services, airline
5 catering, or airport lounge services, at a covered airport location or
6 any representative of such airport workers. Prior to employing any
7 airport workers to perform cleaning and related services, security
8 related services, in terminal and passenger handling services, airline
9 catering, or airport lounge services, at a covered airport location, any
10 successor airport employer shall obtain the applicable December thirti-
11 eth, two thousand twenty benchmark from the commissioner and submit to
12 the commissioner an affirmation that such employer will ensure that the
13 number of covered airport workers it employs at a covered airport
14 location between July first, two thousand twenty-one and December thir-
15 ty-first, two thousand twenty-two is no less than the December thirti-
16 eth, two thousand twenty benchmark.

17 2. Each employer of any covered airport worker employed at a covered
18 airport location on or after January first, two thousand twenty-three
19 shall submit to the commissioner, in a form and manner proscribed by the
20 commissioner, a sworn statement affirming that such employer will
21 ensure, where applicable, that the proportion of covered airport workers
22 in each classification it employs to work an average of at least thirty
23 hours per week at a covered airport location is the same as such propor-
24 tion was compared to all workers in the same classification working at
25 such covered airport location in the calendar year two thousand nineteen
26 workforce. The commissioner shall publish a list of all covered classi-
27 fications with the corresponding proportions of all workers employed to
28 work an average of at least thirty hours a week compared to all workers

1 in the same classification employed to work at each covered airport
2 location in the calendar year two thousand nineteen. The commissioner
3 shall be empowered to promulgate rules or regulations to determine the
4 method and accounting for such information and to verify its accuracy,
5 including the ability to establish a presumed proportion where records
6 are missing or unavailable and provided further that such full-time
7 levels shall be no less than such December thirtieth, two thousand twen-
8 ty benchmark. If such proportion is not maintained, consistent with such
9 rules or regulations promulgated by the commissioner, then the hours
10 worked by such part time workers, which are outside of such proportion,
11 shall be subject to the provisions of this section as if they worked an
12 average of at least thirty hours per week at a covered airport location
13 and were otherwise a covered airport worker.

14 3. Each employer of a covered airport worker employed at a covered
15 airport location on December thirtieth, two thousand twenty and who is
16 working an average of at least thirty hours per week shall provide such
17 covered airport worker the ability to begin or change enrollment in an
18 eligible employer-sponsored plan as defined in treasury regulation
19 section 1.5000A-2(c)(1) for coverage beginning on July first, two thou-
20 sand twenty-one.

21 4. Each employer of any other covered airport worker at a covered
22 airport location shall provide such covered airport worker the ability
23 to begin or change enrollment in an eligible employer-sponsored plan as
24 defined in treasury regulation section 1.5000A-2(c)(1) for coverage
25 beginning no later than thirty days after becoming a covered airport
26 worker.]

27 § [696-c.] 696-b. Minimum wage rate for covered airport workers. All
28 [covered] employers at a covered airport location shall ensure that

1 every covered airport worker is compensated at a rate that is no less
2 than the applicable standard rate. Nothing in this article shall alter
3 or limit any employer's obligation to pay any otherwise applicable
4 prevailing wage under article eight or nine of this chapter.

5 § [696-d.] 696-c. Commissioner's powers of investigation. The commis-
6 sioner or [his or her] such commissioner's authorized representative
7 shall have the power to:

8 1. investigate the compensation of covered airport workers in the
9 state;

10 2. enter the place of business or employment of any employer for the
11 purpose of (a) examining and inspecting any and all books, registers,
12 payrolls, and other records that in any way relate to or have a bearing
13 upon the compensation provided to, or the hours worked by any employees,
14 and (b) ascertaining whether the provisions of this article and the
15 rules and regulations promulgated hereunder are being complied with; and

16 3. require from any employer full and correct statements and reports
17 in writing, at such times as the commissioner may deem necessary, of the
18 compensation provided to and the hours by such employer's employees.

19 § [696-e.] 696-d. Records of employers. For every employee covered by
20 this article, every employer shall establish, maintain, and preserve for
21 not less than six years contemporaneous, true, and accurate payroll
22 records showing for each week worked the hours worked, the compensation
23 provided, plus such other information as the commissioner deems material
24 and necessary. For all covered airport workers who are not exempt from
25 overtime compensation as established in the commissioner's minimum wage
26 orders or otherwise provided by law, rule, or regulation, the payroll
27 records shall include the compensation provided and the regular hourly
28 rate or rates of pay, the overtime rate or rates of pay, the number of

1 regular hours worked, the number of overtime hours worked and the cost
2 of benefits and/or benefit supplements. On demand, the employer shall
3 furnish to the commissioner or [his or her] such commissioner's duly
4 authorized representative a sworn statement of the hours worked, rate or
5 rates of compensation, for each covered airport worker, plus such other
6 information as the commissioner deems material and necessary. Every
7 employer shall keep such records open to inspection by the commissioner
8 or [his or her] such commissioner's duly authorized representative at
9 any reasonable time. Every employer of a covered airport worker shall
10 keep a digest and summary of this article which shall be prepared by the
11 commissioner, posted in a conspicuous place in [his or her] their estab-
12 lishment and shall also keep posted such additional copies of said
13 digest and summary as the commissioner prescribes. Employers shall, on
14 request, be furnished with copies of this article and of orders, and of
15 digests and summaries thereof, without charge. Employers shall permit
16 the commissioner or [his or her] such commissioner's duly authorized
17 representative to question without interference any employee of such
18 employer in a private location at the place of employment and during
19 working hours in respect to the wages paid to and the hours worked by
20 such employee or other employees.

21 § [696-f.] 696-e. Penalties. 1. If the commissioner finds that any
22 employer has violated any provision of this article or of a rule or
23 regulation promulgated thereunder, the commissioner may, after an oppor-
24 tunity for a hearing, and by an order which shall describe particularly
25 the nature of the violation, assess the employer a civil penalty of not
26 more than ten thousand dollars for the first such violation within six
27 years, not more than twenty thousand dollars for a second violation
28 within six years and not more than fifty thousand dollars for a third or

1 subsequent violation within six years. Such penalty shall be paid to the
2 commissioner for deposit in the treasury of the state. In assessing the
3 amount of the penalty, the commissioner shall give due consideration to
4 the size of the employer's business, the good faith [of the employer]
5 basis of the employer to believe that its conduct was in compliance with
6 the law, the gravity of the violation, the history of previous
7 violations and the failure to comply with record-keeping or other
8 requirements.

9 2. Any order issued under subdivision one of this section shall be
10 deemed a final order of the commissioner and not subject to review by
11 any court or agency unless the employer files a petition with the indus-
12 trial board of appeals for a review of the order, pursuant to section
13 one hundred one of this chapter.

14 3. The civil penalty provided for in this section shall be in addition
15 to and may be imposed concurrently with any other remedy or penalty
16 provided for in this chapter.

17 4. Upon a showing by an employee organization, the commissioner may
18 investigate by examining payroll records whether an employer withheld
19 hours of work to employees for the purpose of reducing the employer's
20 obligations under this article. If, after the opportunity for a hearing,
21 the commissioner determines that an employer withheld hours of work to
22 employees for the purpose of reducing the employer's obligations under
23 this article, the commissioner may, in addition to any other penalty
24 available, also require that the employer pay the [standard benefits
25 supplement] applicable standard rate to all of the employer's employees,
26 regardless of the number of hours worked by the employees.

27 § [696-g.] 696-f. Civil action. 1. On behalf of any employee paid
28 less than the applicable standard rate to which the employee is entitled

1 under the provisions of this article, the commissioner may bring any
2 legal action necessary, including administrative action, to collect such
3 claim, and the employer shall be required to pay the full amount of the
4 underpayment, plus costs, and unless the employer proves a good faith
5 basis to believe that its underpayment was in compliance with the law,
6 an additional amount as liquidated damages. Liquidated damages shall be
7 calculated by the commissioner as no more than one hundred percent of
8 the total amount of underpayments found to be due the employee. In any
9 action brought by the commissioner in a court of competent jurisdiction,
10 liquidated damages shall be calculated as an amount equal to one hundred
11 percent of underpayments found to be due the employee.

12 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an action to recover
13 upon a liability imposed by this article must be commenced within six
14 years. The statute of limitations shall be tolled from the date an
15 employee files a complaint with the commissioner or the commissioner
16 commences an investigation, whichever is earlier, until an order to
17 comply issued by the commissioner becomes final, or where the commis-
18 sioner does not issue an order, until the date on which the commissioner
19 notifies the complainant that the investigation has concluded.

20 3. In any civil action by the commissioner, the commissioner shall
21 have the right to collect attorneys' fees and costs incurred in enforc-
22 ing any court judgment. Any judgment or court order awarding remedies
23 under this section shall provide that if any amounts remain unpaid upon
24 the expiration of ninety days following issuance of judgment, or ninety
25 days after expiration of the time to appeal and no appeal therefrom is
26 then pending, whichever is later, the total amount of judgment shall
27 automatically increase by fifteen percent.

1 § [696-h.] 696-g. Regulations. [1.] The commissioner may promulgate
2 such regulations as [he or she] such commissioner deems appropriate to
3 carry out the purposes of this article and to safeguard minimum compen-
4 sation standards.

5 § [696-i.] 696-h. Savings clause. 1. If any provision of this article
6 or the application thereof to any person, occupation or circumstance is
7 held invalid, the remainder of the article and the application of such
8 provision to other persons, employees, occupations, or circumstances
9 shall not be affected thereby.

10 2. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of
11 this article shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to
12 be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the
13 remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause,
14 sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly
15 involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been
16 rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that
17 this article would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had
18 not been included herein.

19 [3. If section six hundred ninety-six-a, section six hundred ninety-
20 six-b, or section six hundred ninety-six-c of this article or any
21 portion thereof shall be adjudged, whether by final judgment, a tempo-
22 rary restraining order, or a preliminary injunction, by any court of
23 competent jurisdiction to be preempted by federal law, then the "stand-
24 ard benefits supplement rate" defined in subdivision six of section six
25 hundred ninety-six-a of this article shall immediately mean the follow-
26 ing:

27 (a) An hourly supplement of four dollars and fifty-four cents
28 furnished to an employee by providing at least four dollars and fifty-

1 four cents per hour beginning on July first, two thousand twenty-one in
2 one of the following ways: (i) in the form of health and/or other bene-
3 fits, not including paid leave, that cost the employer the entire
4 required hourly supplemental amount; (ii) by providing a portion of the
5 required hourly supplement in the form of health and/or other benefits,
6 not including paid leave, and the balance in cash; or (iii) by providing
7 the entire supplement in cash.

8 (b) The value of such supplement shall be no less than four dollars
9 and fifty-four cents per hour.

10 (c) The standard benefits supplement rate shall apply only to the
11 first forty hours worked by each covered airport worker in each week and
12 shall not apply to any overtime hours worked by any covered airport
13 worker.

14 (d) The standard benefits supplement rate shall apply to any paid
15 leave taken by a covered airport worker that does not exceed forty hours
16 in a week.

17 4. If section six hundred ninety-six-a, section six hundred ninety-
18 six-b, or section six hundred ninety-six-c of this article or any
19 portion thereof shall be adjudged by any preliminary relief, including a
20 temporary restraining order or a preliminary injunction, by any court of
21 competent jurisdiction to be preempted by federal law but is later
22 adjudged by the same court not to be preempted by federal law in a final
23 judgment, then the definition of "standard benefits supplement rate"
24 shall immediately revert to the definition stated in subdivision six of
25 section six hundred ninety-six-a of this article.]

26 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
27 it shall have become a law.

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PART U

2 Section 1. Subdivision 1-a of section 198 of the labor law, as amended
3 by chapter 362 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

4 1-a. On behalf of any employee paid less than the wage to which [he or
5 she is] they are entitled under the provisions of this article, the
6 commissioner may bring any legal action necessary, including administra-
7 tive action, to collect such claim and as part of such legal action, in
8 addition to any other remedies and penalties otherwise available under
9 this article, the commissioner shall assess against the employer the
10 full amount of any such underpayment, and an additional amount as liqui-
11 dated damages, unless the employer proves a good faith basis for believ-
12 ing that its underpayment of wages was in compliance with the law.
13 Liquidated damages shall be calculated by the commissioner as no more
14 than one hundred percent of the total amount of wages found to be due,
15 except such liquidated damages may be up to three hundred percent of the
16 total amount of the wages found to be due for a willful violation of
17 section one hundred ninety-four of this article. In any action insti-
18 tuted in the courts upon a wage claim by an employee or the commissioner
19 in which the employee prevails, the court shall allow such employee to
20 recover the full amount of any underpayment, all reasonable attorney's
21 fees, prejudgment interest as required under the civil practice law and
22 rules, and, unless the employer proves a good faith basis to believe
23 that its underpayment of wages was in compliance with the law, an addi-
24 tional amount as liquidated damages equal to one hundred percent of the
25 total amount of the wages found to be due, except such liquidated
26 damages may be up to three hundred percent of the total amount of the
27 wages found to be due for a willful violation of section one hundred

1 ninety-four of this article. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
2 subdivision, liquidated damages shall not be applicable to violations of
3 paragraph a of subdivision one of section one hundred ninety-one of this
4 article where the employer paid the employee wages on a regular payday,
5 no less frequently than semi-monthly. Such violations shall be subject
6 to damages as follows:

7 (i) no more than one hundred percent of the lost interest found to be
8 due for the delayed payment of wages calculated using a daily interest
9 rate for each day payment is late based on the annual rate of interest
10 then in effect, as prescribed by the superintendent of financial
11 services pursuant to section fourteen-a of the banking law for the
12 employer's first violation; or

13 (ii) three hundred percent of the lost interest found to be due for
14 the delayed payment of wages calculated using a daily interest rate for
15 each day payment is late based on the annual rate of interest then in
16 effect, as prescribed by the superintendent of financial services pursu-
17 ant to section fourteen-a of the banking law for any employer subject to
18 a previous finding and order for such violation of paragraph a of subdivi-
19 vision one of section one hundred ninety-one of this article for which
20 no proceeding for administrative or judicial review as provided in this
21 chapter is pending and the time for initiation of such proceeding shall
22 have expired and relating to employees performing the same work; or

23 (iii) for conduct occurring after the effective date of this para-
24 graph, liquidated damages equal to one hundred percent of the total
25 amount of wages found to be due in violation of paragraph a of subdivi-
26 sion one of section one hundred ninety-one of this article for any
27 employer who, after the effective date of this paragraph, has been
28 subject to two or more previous findings and orders for violations of

1 paragraph a of subdivision one of section one hundred ninety-one of this
2 article for which no proceeding for administrative or judicial review as
3 provided in this chapter is pending and the time for initiation of such
4 proceeding shall have expired and relating to employees performing the
5 same work.

6 For purposes of this subdivision, an order shall mean a single final
7 order or determination made by the commissioner or a court of competent
8 jurisdiction, regardless of the number of employees or the time period
9 that was subject to such order.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to causes
11 of action pending or commenced on or after such date.

12 PART V

13 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 218 of the labor law, as amended
14 by chapter 2 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

15 3. (a) Provided that no proceeding for administrative or judicial
16 review as provided in this chapter shall then be pending and the time
17 for initiation of such proceeding shall have expired, the commissioner
18 may file with the county clerk of the county where the employer resides
19 or has a place of business the order of the commissioner, or the deci-
20 sion of the industrial board of appeals containing the amount found to
21 be due including the civil penalty, if any, and at the commissioner's
22 discretion, an additional fifteen percent damages upon any outstanding
23 monies owed. [At] Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, in
24 execution of any order or decision filed by the commissioner pursuant to
25 this section, the commissioner shall have all the powers conferred upon
26 sheriffs by article twenty-five of the civil practice law and rules, but

1 the commissioner shall be entitled to no fee or compensation in excess
2 of the actual expenses paid in the performance of such duty. Addi-
3 tionally, at the request of an employee, the commissioner shall assign,
4 without consideration or liability, that portion of the filed order that
5 constitutes wages, wage supplements, interest on wages or wage supple-
6 ments, or liquidated damages due that employee, to that employee and may
7 file an assignment or order in that amount in the name of that employee
8 with the county clerk of the county where the employer resides or has a
9 place of business. The filing of such assignment, order or decision
10 shall have the full force and effect of a judgment duly docketed in the
11 office of such clerk. The assignment[, order or decision] may be
12 enforced [by and in the name of the commissioner, or] by the employee[,]
13 in the same manner, and with like effect, as that prescribed by the
14 civil practice law and rules for the enforcement of a money judgment.

15 (b) In addition and as an alternative to any other remedy provided by
16 this section and provided that no proceeding for administrative or judi-
17 cial review as provided in this chapter shall then be pending and the
18 time for initiation of such proceeding shall have expired, the commis-
19 sioner may issue a warrant under the commissioner's official seal,
20 directed to the sheriff of any county, commanding the sheriff to levy
21 upon and sell the real and personal property that may be found within
22 the sheriff's county of an employer who has defaulted in the payment of
23 any sum determined to be due from such employer for the payment of such
24 sum together with interest, penalties, and the cost of executing the
25 warrant, and to return such warrant to the commissioner and to pay into
26 the fund the money collected by virtue thereof within sixty days after
27 the receipt of such warrant. The sheriff shall, within five days after
28 the receipt of the warrant, file with the clerk of the county a copy

1 thereof, and thereupon such clerk shall enter in the judgment docket the
2 name of the employer mentioned in the warrant and the amount of the
3 contribution, interest, and penalties for which the warrant is issued
4 and the date when such copy is filed. Thereupon the amount of such
5 warrant so docketed shall become a lien upon the title to and interest
6 in real property and chattels of the employer against whom the warrant
7 is issued in the same manner as a judgment duly docketed in the office
8 of such clerk. The sheriff shall then proceed upon the warrant in the
9 same manner, and with like effect, as that provided by law in respect to
10 executions issued against property upon judgments of a court of record,
11 and the sheriff shall be entitled to the same fees, which they may
12 collect in the same manner, for the sheriff's services in executing the
13 warrant.

14 (c) In the discretion of the commissioner, a warrant of like terms,
15 force, and effect may be issued and directed to any officer or employee
16 of the department of labor who may file a copy of such warrant with the
17 clerk of any county in the state, and thereupon each such clerk shall
18 docket it and it shall become a lien in the same manner and with the
19 same force and effect as hereinbefore provided with respect to a warrant
20 issued and directed to and filed by a sheriff; and in the execution
21 thereof such officer or employee shall have all the powers conferred by
22 law upon sheriffs, but they shall be entitled to no fee or compensation
23 in excess of the actual expenses paid in the performance of such duty.
24 If a warrant is returned not satisfied in full, the commissioner shall
25 have the same remedies to enforce the amount thereof as if the commis-
26 sioner had recovered judgment for the same.

27 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 219 of the labor law, as amended by
28 chapter 2 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1 3. (a) Provided that no proceeding for administrative or judicial
2 review as provided in this chapter shall then be pending and the time
3 for initiation of such proceeding shall have expired, the commissioner
4 may file with the county clerk of the county where the employer resides
5 or has a place of business the order of the commissioner or the decision
6 of the industrial board of appeals containing the amount found to be
7 due, including, at the commissioner's discretion, an additional fifteen
8 percent damages upon any outstanding monies owed. [At] Notwithstanding
9 any provision to the contrary, in execution of any order or decision
10 filed by the commissioner pursuant to this section, the commissioner
11 shall have all the powers conferred upon sheriffs by article twenty-five
12 of the civil practice law and rules, but the commissioner shall be enti-
13 tled to no fee or compensation in excess of the actual expenses paid in
14 the performance of such duty. Additionally, at the request of an employ-
15 ee, the commissioner shall assign, without consideration or liability,
16 that portion of the filed order that constitutes wages, wage supple-
17 ments, interest on wages or wage supplements, or liquidated damages due
18 the employee, to that employee and may file an assignment or order in
19 that amount in the name of such employee with the county clerk of the
20 county where the employer resides or has a place of business. The filing
21 of such assignment, order or decision shall have the full force and
22 effect of a judgment duly docketed in the office of such clerk. The
23 assignment[, order or decision] may be enforced [by and in the name of
24 the commissioner, or] by the employee[,] in the same manner, and with
25 like effect, as that prescribed by the civil practice law and rules for
26 the enforcement of a money judgment.

27 (b) In addition and as an alternative to any other remedy provided by
28 this section and provided that no proceeding for administrative or judi-

1 cial review as provided in this chapter shall then be pending and the
2 time for initiation of such proceeding shall have expired, the commis-
3 sioner may issue a warrant under the official seal of the commissioner,
4 directed to the sheriff of any county, commanding the sheriff to levy
5 upon and sell the real and personal property that may be found within
6 the sheriff's county of an employer who has defaulted in the payment of
7 any sum determined to be due from such employer for the payment of such
8 sum together with interest, penalties, and the cost of executing the
9 warrant, and to return such warrant to the commissioner and to pay into
10 the fund the money collected by virtue thereof within sixty days after
11 the receipt of such warrant. The sheriff shall, within five days after
12 the receipt of the warrant, file with the clerk of the county a copy
13 thereof, and thereupon such clerk shall enter in the judgment docket the
14 name of the employer mentioned in the warrant and the amount of the
15 contribution, interest, and penalties for which the warrant is issued
16 and the date when such copy is filed. Thereupon the amount of such
17 warrant so docketed shall become a lien upon the title to and interest
18 in real property and chattels of the employer against whom the warrant
19 is issued in the same manner as a judgment duly docketed in the office
20 of such clerk. The sheriff shall then proceed upon the warrant in the
21 same manner, and with like effect, as that provided by law in respect to
22 executions issued against property upon judgments of a court of record,
23 and the sheriff shall be entitled to the same fees, which they may
24 collect in the same manner, for the sheriff's services in executing the
25 warrant.

26 (c) In the discretion of the commissioner, a warrant of like terms,
27 force, and effect may be issued and directed to any officer or employee
28 of the department of labor who may file a copy of such warrant with the

1 clerk of any county in the state, and thereupon each such clerk shall
2 docket it and it shall become a lien in the same manner and with the
3 same force and effect as hereinbefore provided with respect to a warrant
4 issued and directed to and filed by a sheriff; and in the execution
5 thereof such officer or employee shall have all the powers conferred by
6 law upon sheriffs, but they shall be entitled to no fee or compensation
7 in excess of the actual expenses paid in the performance of such duty.
8 If a warrant is returned not satisfied in full, the commissioner shall
9 have the same remedies to enforce the amount thereof as if the commis-
10 sioner had recovered judgment for the same.

11 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

12 PART W

13 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 141 of the labor law, as amended
14 by chapter 642 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

15 1. a. If the commissioner finds that an employer has violated any
16 provision of this article or of a rule or regulation promulgated there-
17 under, the commissioner may by an order which shall describe particular-
18 ly the nature of the violation, assess the employer a civil penalty of
19 not more than [one] ten thousand dollars for the first such violation,
20 at least two thousand but not more than [two] thirty thousand dollars
21 for a second violation, and at least ten thousand but not more than
22 [three] seventy-five thousand dollars for a third or subsequent
23 violation. Such penalty shall be paid to the commissioner for deposit in
24 the treasury of the state. In assessing the amount of the penalty, the
25 commissioner shall give due consideration to the size of the employer's
26 business, the good faith of the employer to believe that its conduct was

1 in compliance with the law, the gravity of the violation, the history of
2 previous violations and the failure to comply with record-keeping or
3 other requirements, provided, however, that where such violation
4 involves illegal employment during which a minor is seriously injured or
5 dies, such penalty shall be [treble the maximum penalty allowable under
6 the law for such violation] at least three thousand dollars but not more
7 than thirty thousand dollars for the first such violation, at least six
8 thousand but not more than ninety thousand dollars for the second
9 violation, and at least thirty thousand dollars but not more than two
10 hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the third or subsequent
11 violation. For the purposes of this subdivision, a minor shall be
12 deemed to be seriously injured if such injury results in a permanent
13 partial or permanent total disability as determined by the workers'
14 compensation board.

15 b. The department may, at the discretion of the commissioner, reduce
16 the penalty for a violation when such violation does not risk the safety
17 or health of the employed minor. Reduction of the penalty may apply if
18 an employer agrees to:

19 (1) make immediate payment of reduced penalty;

20 (2) have management complete a child labor compliance training
21 prepared by the department;

22 (3) provide its employees with child labor resources and information
23 as specified and directed by the department;

24 (4) submit a certified statement that the employer will only hire,
25 employ or otherwise permit minors to work in positions as permitted by
26 law, rule or regulation;

27 (5) develop and submit a plan to prevent future child labor law
28 violations; and

1 (6) submit records over a subsequent twelve month period as required
2 by the department to properly demonstrate that no additional violations
3 of the child labor provisions have occurred.

4 § 2. Section 145 of the labor law, as added by chapter 660 of the laws
5 of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

6 § 145. Criminal penalties. Any person who knowingly violates any
7 provision of this article and any officer or agent of a corporation who
8 knowingly permits the corporation to violate any such provisions shall
9 be guilty of a [misdemeanor] felony, and upon conviction therefor shall
10 be punished by a fine of not more than [five hundred] one thousand
11 dollars or imprisonment for not more than [sixty days] one year or by
12 both such fine and imprisonment for a first offense, or by a fine of not
13 more than [five] ten thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than
14 [one year] two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment for a second
15 or subsequent offense.

16 § 3. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 125.10-a to read
17 as follows:

18 § 125.10-a Criminally negligent homicide of a child worker.

19 A person is guilty of criminally negligent homicide of a child worker,
20 when acting as the employer of a child under the age of eighteen years
21 old, with criminal negligence, such person causes the death of the child
22 in the course of the employment. For the purposes of this section, the
23 phrase "acting as the employer of a child", shall include, but not be
24 limited to, instances where the defendant has employed a child in
25 violation of section one hundred thirty, one hundred thirty-one, one
26 hundred thirty-two, or one hundred thirty-three of the labor law.

27 Criminally negligent homicide of a child worker is a class D felony.

1 § 4. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 260.12 to read
2 as follows:

3 § 260.12 Endangering the welfare of a child worker.

4 A person is guilty of criminally endangering the welfare of a child
5 worker when such person knowingly employs a child in violation of
6 section one hundred thirty, one hundred thirty-one, one hundred thirty-
7 two, or one hundred thirty-three of the labor law, and in the course of
8 that employment the child suffers physical injury, serious physical
9 injury, or death.

10 Endangering the welfare of a child worker is a class E felony.

11 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

12 PART X

13 Section 1. Sections 135, 137 and 139 of the labor law are REPEALED.

14 § 2. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 135 to read as
15 follows:

16 § 135. Database for employment of minors; employee registration; minor
17 employment certificates. 1. Creation of database. The department, in
18 consultation with the department of education, shall create and maintain
19 a database for the employment of minors. All information pertaining to
20 any employer or minor that is submitted to the department under this
21 section shall be confidential and shall not be accessible to the public.
22 Nothing herein shall prevent the commissioner from sharing such informa-
23 tion for civil or criminal law enforcement purposes.

24 2. Employer registration and renewal process. Any employer required to
25 be registered under this section shall provide the department with the
26 information set forth in this section, as well as any additional infor-

1 mation that the department may require, in the form and manner
2 prescribed by the department. The department may also set fees for
3 employer registration and any renewal that may be required by the
4 department under this section.

5 3. Employer information. Every employer that hires, employs, or other-
6 wise permits any minor under the age of eighteen to work for the employ-
7 er within the state shall register in the database, in the form and
8 manner prescribed by the department, the following information:

9 (a) the name of the employer;

10 (b) the email address of the employer;

11 (c) any location of the employer's business operations within the
12 state, including any location where a minor will be working;

13 (d) the number and names of minors who are hired, employed, or other-
14 wise permitted to work for the employer;

15 (e) a certified statement from the employer that the employer is
16 hiring, employing, or otherwise permitting minors to work only in posi-
17 tions for the employer as permitted by law, rule, or regulation in order
18 to ensure their health, safety, and well-being; and

19 (f) any other information deemed appropriate by the commissioner.

20 4. Employer recordkeeping. An employer that is required to be regis-
21 tered under this section shall, before employment begins, file at the
22 place of the minor's employment such employment certificate or permit so
23 that it may be readily accessible to any person authorized by law to
24 examine such document. An employer's electronic access to such employ-
25 ment certificate or permit in the database shall meet the requirements
26 of this subdivision.

27 5. Minor registration. Any minor under the age of eighteen who plans
28 to work for an employer within the state shall complete a registration

1 in the database for any employment certificate or permit. All informa-
2 tion pertaining to the minor shall be confidential and shall not be
3 accessible by the public. If the minor plans to work for a different
4 employer, or for an employer in addition to the employer for which the
5 minor first registered, the minor shall update the minor's registration.
6 The minor shall be required to submit documentation for registration in
7 the form and manner prescribed by the department.

8 6. Issuance of employment certificate or permit. Any employment
9 certificate or permit issued pursuant to part one of article sixty-five
10 of the education law shall be issued electronically within the database.
11 Any application for an employment certificate or permit that is made
12 pursuant to part one of article sixty-five of the education law shall be
13 made by a minor on a form prescribed by the commissioner of education
14 and approved by the department.

15 7. Regulations. The commissioner may prescribe regulations necessary
16 to carry out the provisions of this section.

17 § 3. Subdivision 3 of section 3215-a of the education law, as amended
18 by chapter 1017 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

19 3. Approval of form and contents. The commissioner of education shall
20 prescribe or approve the form and contents of all certificates, permits,
21 physical examination records, and schooling records required by part one
22 of this article. The form of such certificates and permits shall also be
23 subject to the approval of the [industrial] commissioner of labor. Any
24 employment certificate or permit issued pursuant to this part shall be
25 issued electronically within the database created and maintained by the
26 department of labor, in consultation with the department, pursuant to
27 section one hundred thirty-five of the labor law.

1 § 4. This act shall take effect two years after it shall have become a
2 law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any
3 rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its
4 effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such
5 date.

6 PART Y

7 Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subdivision 1 and paragraphs
8 (a), (b) and (c) of subdivision 2 of section 26 of the veterans'
9 services law are amended to read as follows:

10 (a) A parent, [identified in 10 USC 1126 as a gold star parent,]
11 spouse, or minor child of a [veteran] service member who [heretofore has
12 died or a parent of a veteran dying hereafter] died while on active
13 duty, shall upon application to the state commissioner, be paid an annu-
14 al annuity out of the treasury of the state for the sum of five hundred
15 dollars for such term as such parent, spouse, or minor child shall be
16 entitled thereto under the provisions of this article. Commencing in the
17 year two thousand nineteen, the amount of any annuity payable under this
18 section shall be the same amount as the annuity payable in the preceding
19 year plus a percentage adjustment equal to the annual percentage
20 increase, if any, for compensation and pension benefits administered by
21 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in the previous year.
22 Such percentage increase shall be rounded up to the next highest one-
23 tenth of one percent and shall not be less than one percent nor more
24 than four percent. The commissioner of veterans' services, not later
25 than February first of each year, shall publish by any reasonable means,
26 including but not limited to posting on the department's website, the

1 amount of the annuity as adjusted payable under this section. The term
2 "parent" for the purposes of this section includes mother, father, step-
3 mother, stepfather, mother through adoption and father through adoption.
4 The term "spouse" for the purposes of this section includes non-remar-
5 ried spouses and remarried spouses. The term "minor child" for the
6 purposes of this section includes minor biological, step, or adopted
7 children, through the day before the child's eighteenth birthday.

8 (b) The entitlement of any parent, spouse, or minor child to receive
9 the annuity provided by paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall termi-
10 nate upon [his or her] such parent's, spouse's, or minor child's death
11 or upon [his or her] such parent's, spouse's, or minor child's ceasing
12 to continue to be a resident of and domiciled in the state of New York,
13 but such entitlement may be reinstated upon application to the state
14 commissioner, if such parent, spouse, or minor child shall thereafter
15 resume [his or her] such parent's, spouse's, or minor child's residence
16 and domicile in the state.

17 (c) The effective date of an award of the annuity to a parent, spouse,
18 or minor child shall be the day after the date of death of the veteran
19 if the application therefor is received within one year from date of
20 death. If the application is received after the expiration of the first
21 year following the date of the death of the veteran, the effective date
22 of an award of the annuity to a parent, spouse, or minor child shall be
23 the date of receipt of the application by the state commissioner. If the
24 application is denied but is granted at a later date upon an application
25 for reconsideration based upon new evidence, the effective date of the
26 award of the annuity to a parent, spouse, or minor child shall be the
27 date of the receipt of the application for reconsideration by the state
28 commissioner.

1 (a) Any gold star parent, spouse, or minor child, who is the parent,
2 spouse, or minor child of a deceased veteran, and who is a resident of
3 and domiciled in the state of New York, shall make application to the
4 department.

5 (b) No entitlement shall be paid under this section to or for a gold
6 star parent, spouse, or minor child who is in prison in a federal,
7 state, or local penal institution as a result of conviction of a felony
8 or misdemeanor for any part of the period beginning sixty-one days after
9 [his or her] such parent's, spouse's, or minor child's imprisonment
10 begins and ending with [his or her] such parent's, spouse's, or minor
11 child's release.

12 (c) Where one or more gold star parents or minor children are disqual-
13 ified for the annuity for a period under paragraph (b) of this subdivi-
14 sion, the state commissioner shall pay the shares of such disqualified
15 parents to the other parents or minor children, if they meet the quali-
16 fications on their own.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

18 PART Z

19 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 297 of the executive law, as
20 amended by chapter 304 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 1. Any person claiming to be aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory
23 practice may, by [himself or herself] such person or [his or her] such
24 person's attorney-at-law, make, sign and file with the division a
25 complaint in writing under oath or by declaration which shall state the
26 name and address of the person alleged to have committed the unlawful

1 discriminatory practice complained of and which shall set forth the
2 particulars thereof and contain such other information as may be
3 required by the division. The division may designate a required form
4 and procedures for making, signing, and filing such complaint. The
5 commissioner of labor or the attorney general, or the executive director
6 of the justice center for the protection of people with special needs,
7 or the division on its own motion may, in like manner, make, sign and
8 file such complaint. In connection with the filing of such complaint,
9 the attorney general is authorized to take proof, issue subpoenas and
10 administer oaths in the manner provided in the civil practice law and
11 rules. Any employer whose employees, or some of them, refuse or threaten
12 to refuse to cooperate with the provisions of this article, may file
13 with the division a verified complaint asking for assistance by concil-
14 iation or other remedial action.

15 § 2. Paragraph c of subdivision 3 of section 297 of the executive law,
16 as amended by chapter 166 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 c. If the division finds that noticing the complaint for hearing would
19 be undesirable, the division may, in its unreviewable discretion, at any
20 time prior to a hearing before a hearing examiner, dismiss the complaint
21 on the grounds of administrative convenience. [However, in cases of
22 housing discrimination only, an administrative convenience dismissal
23 will not be rendered without the consent of the complainant.] The divi-
24 sion may, subject to judicial review, dismiss the complaint on the
25 grounds of untimeliness if the complaint is untimely or on the grounds
26 that the election of remedies is annulled.

27 § 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 80-b to
28 read as follows:

1 § 80-b. Discrimination complaints escrow fund. 1. Notwithstanding any
2 other provision of law, rule, regulation, or practice to the contrary,
3 there is hereby established in the sole custody of the division of human
4 rights commissioner a trust and agency fund, to be known as the
5 "discrimination complaints escrow fund" which shall be available without
6 fiscal year limitation.

7 2. The discrimination complaints escrow fund shall consist of concil-
8 iation funds, settlement funds, and any other monetary awards the divi-
9 sion of human rights receives from discrimination complaint respondents
10 for the sole purpose of compensating the corresponding complainants.

11 3. The division of human rights commissioner, or such commissioner's
12 designee, shall only expend discrimination complaints escrow fund monies
13 for the purposes of compensating a complainant whose conciliation,
14 settlement, or award monies were deposited into the escrow fund.

15 § 4. Section 295 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
16 subdivision 19 to read as follows:

17 19. To manage the discrimination complaints escrow fund, including but
18 not limited to authorizing the receipt of funds and payment of monies in
19 accordance with section eighty-b of the state finance law.

20 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
21 sections three and four of this act shall take effect on the thirtieth
22 day after it shall have become a law.

23 PART AA

24 Section 1. On or before September 1, 2025, the commissioner of educa-
25 tion shall submit a report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly,
26 and the temporary president of the senate providing information regard-

1 ing usage, budgeting, staffing, assets, and functions of the New York
2 state museum in a form and manner as determined by the director of the
3 budget. Such report shall include but not be limited to the following
4 information:

5 1. Annual statistics for state fiscal years 2004-05 through 2024-25
6 for the following categories:

7 (a) visitorship by month;

8 (b) philanthropic donations, either monetary or in-kind;

9 (c) school student visitorship;

10 (d) marketing, advertising, and promotional expenditures;

11 (e) staffing levels and expenditures for each office of the museum;

12 (f) capital expenditures;

13 (g) museum revenue from sources other than state aid; and

14 (h) balance of total revenues and operating expenses;

15 2. A summary of current agreements with other cultural institutions
16 regarding loan or exchange of collections;

17 3. Current collections on display and length of time on display;

18 4. Current collections in possession of the museum but not on display;

19 5. New collections scheduled to go on display in the next five years;

20 6. A listing of special events, exhibitions, tours, limited or travel-
21 ing displays, and other events not included in information regarding
22 normal displayed collections over the prior five years;

23 7. A listing of any ancillary services provided at the museum, includ-
24 ing but not limited to food service, retail, or walking tours; and

25 8. Usage over the prior five years of the state museum collection by
26 federal agencies, New York state agencies, local governments, and other
27 governmental entities, whether for display or research purposes.

1 § 2. On or before September 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, the
2 commissioner shall submit a report to the governor, the speaker of the
3 assembly, and the temporary president of the senate including updated
4 information from the prior state fiscal year supplementing the informa-
5 tion provided in the report required by section one of this act.

6 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

7 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
8 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
9 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
10 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
11 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section
12 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
13 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of
14 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
15 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

16 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that
17 the applicable effective date of Parts A through AA of this act shall be
18 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.