

Legislation Text

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Narrative of Resolution:

Support 2024/2025 budget request for increase in operating aid

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: N/A

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE
2024/2025 BUDGET REQUEST BY NYCCT AND NYCCAP TO INCREASE OPERATING AID**

WHEREAS, New York Education Law Article 126, Section 6304 Financing of Community Colleges 1.a. states “State financial aid shall be one-third of the amount of operating costs, as approved by the state university trustees;” and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has been defunding community colleges for the past two decades and has reduced the state financial aid to 26.8% leading to a disproportionate share of the cost of education to fall on the shoulders of the students; and

WHEREAS, the community colleges are unable to finance the costs to start-up, operate and scale up of high needs, high-cost programs, to prepare students and serve our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature supports the 2024/2025 budget request by the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) and the New York Community College Association of Presidents (NYCCAP) to increase operating aid by \$97 million dollars to SUNY Community Colleges for a total of \$525 million which will strengthen community colleges and the workforce pipeline upon which students, employers, and our community depend.