



New York 2019-2020 Enacted Budget Summary

The 2019-20 New York State Budget totals \$175.5 billion dollars. The following is a synopsis of the major provisions of the state's spending plan relevant to higher education.

SUNY

SUNY State-Operated Campuses

- The enacted budget provides flat funding of \$730 million for SUNY state-operated campuses. State support for fringe benefit costs increased by \$41 million.
- \$109.5 million in direct state support has been accelerated to offset one-time costs associated with implementation of the State/UUP contract in 2018-19.

SUNY Hospitals

- The enacted budget does not restore the state subsidy for the SUNY hospitals.
- The enacted budget provides \$60 million in additional State Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) support for the three SUNY hospitals (Downstate, Upstate and Stony Brook) for a total of \$460 million. DSH payments are provided to offset the costs associated with uncompensated care provided by these hospitals.
- The enacted budget provides \$100 million in capital funding (\$50 million for Upstate and \$50 million for Stony Brook) for alterations, improvements, services and expenses incurred by these hospitals prior to April 1, 2019.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

- The enacted budget restores the \$5.3 million cut in the executive budget proposal for a total of \$26.8 million.

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOCs) and ATTAIN Labs

- The enacted budget restored the \$7 million cut for these programs contained in the executive budget for a total of \$62 million.

Mental Health Services

- The enacted budget restores the \$500,000 cut in funding for SUNY mental health services.

SUNY Set-Aside Funding

- The enacted budget continues to set aside \$18 million in state aid to be allocated to state-operated campuses per an approved plan of the SUNY Board of Trustees. The

language stipulates that a portion of these funds are to be used to support new classroom faculty.

SUNY Open Educational Resources (OER)

- Funding in the amount of \$4 million is set-aside from the system administration appropriation to expand the Open Educational Resource Initiative to help reduce and/or eliminate the costs of textbooks for students. This funding is targeted towards high- enrollment courses, including general education courses.

U Albany Land Lease Authorization

- The enacted budget includes language that authorizes the State University of New York to lease up to 15,000 square feet of space at the new Emerging Technology Entrepreneurship Complex building at the University of Albany. NYSUT secured labor protection language to ensure that services and functions provided by UUP members would not be contracted out to any of the lessees or contractors occupying the leased space.

SUNY Capital Funding

- The enacted budget provides \$650 million for state-operated campuses and provides \$37.6 million for SUNY Community Colleges.

SUNY Community College Base Aid

- The enacted state budget increases the overall base aid amount by \$12 million, which results in an FTE increase of \$100 per student to offset enrollment declines. Language stipulates that no community college shall receive less than ninety-eight percent of the base aid funding that it had received in the 2018-19 fiscal year.
- Rental aid for leased space is maintained at last year's level, for a total of \$11.6 million.
- Funding for high-need programs (\$1.69 million), contract courses (\$1.88 million) and low enrollment colleges (\$940,000) are maintained at last year's levels.
- The proposed funding cut of \$1 million for child care centers was restored.
- The enacted budget restored \$3 million in funding for the SUNY Apprenticeship Program.

SUNY Family Empowerment Community College Pilot Program

- The enacted budget includes a \$3 million appropriation for the establishment of the Family Empowerment Community College Pilot Program. The program will provide a comprehensive system of supports, including priority on-campus childcare for single parents with accelerated study in associate program practices. Funding will be distributed pursuant to a plan approved by the chancellor.

CUNY

CUNY Senior College State Funding

- The enacted budget provides flat funding of \$554 million for CUNY senior colleges. Fringe benefits are increased by \$47.7 million.

CUNY Capital Funding

- The enacted budget provides \$284 million for CUNY senior colleges and provides \$68.2 million for CUNY community colleges.

CUNY MTA Commuter Mobility Tax

- The enacted budget provides flat funding of \$5.5 million for the MTA commuter mobility tax.

CUNY Set-Aside Funding

- The enacted budget continues to set aside \$12 million in state aid to be allocated to senior colleges per an approved plan of the CUNY Board of Trustees. The language stipulates that a portion of these funds may be used to support new classroom faculty.

CUNY Open Educational Resources (OER)

- Funding in the amount of \$4 million within the CUNY Senior College Operating Account is set aside to expand the Open Educational Resource Initiative to help reduce and/or eliminate the costs of textbooks for students. This funding is targeted towards high-enrollment courses, including general education courses.

CUNY Community College Base Aid

- The enacted state budget increases the overall base aid amount by \$6 million, which results in an FTE increase of \$100 per student. Language accompanying this additional funding stipulates that no community college shall receive less than ninety-eight percent of the base aid funding that it had received in the 2018-19 fiscal year.
- Rental aid for leased space is maintained at last year's funding level of \$8.9 million.
- An additional \$225,000 was added to provide financial assistance for the educationally and economically disadvantaged to attend a CUNY community college.
- Funding for contract courses/workforce development is maintained at last year's level of \$1.9 million.
- Funding for ASAP is restored at \$2.5 million.
- Funding for childcare centers is restored and increased by \$902,000, for a total of \$1.7 million.

CUNY Family Empowerment Community College Pilot Program

- The enacted budget includes a \$2 million appropriation to establish the Family Empowerment Community College Pilot Program. The program will provide a comprehensive system of supports, including priority on-campus child care for single parents with accelerated study in associate program practices. Funding will be distributed pursuant to a plan approved by the chancellor.

Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK)

- The enacted budget restores \$4.6 million in funding for a total of \$28 million.

CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (Formerly the Joseph Murphy Institute)

- The enacted budget restores \$1.5 million in funding for a total of \$3.6 million.

TAP/EXCELSIOR/ETC.

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

- The enacted budget provides \$1.08 billion, which includes:
 - funding (up to \$118.6 million) for the third and final year of a three-year phase-in of the Excelsior Scholarship Program, and expands the program to include families making up to \$125,000;
 - funding (up to \$27 million) for the DREAM Act; and
 - funding (up to \$7.2 million) for the third and final year of a three-year phase-in of the Enhanced Tuition Award Program (E-TAP).

Tuition Assistance to Part-Time Students

- Funding for this program is maintained at last year's level of \$14.4 million.

Part-Time Scholarship Program

- The enacted budget maintains funding at \$3.1 million to support the Part-Time Scholarship Program established in last year's budget.

BUNDY Aid

- The enacted budget maintains funding for this program at \$35 million.

Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)

- The enacted budget restored funding for HEOP by \$5.9 million for a total of \$35.5 million.

Jose R. Peralta New York State DREAM Act

- The enacted budget includes amendments to the Jose R. Peralta New York State DREAM Act, recently passed by both houses of the Legislature. The amendments change the eligibility requirements.

Dual Enrollment

- The enacted budget includes language authorizing the SUNY and CUNY Boards of Trustees to reduce or waive tuition for high school students who are dual enrolled in one or more college courses at a community or four-year college.

Student Loan Servicers

- The enacted budget includes language to license and regulate student loan servicers.

Food Donation and Food Scrap Recycling

- The enacted budget establishes requirements for entities creating more than two tons of food scraps per week, such as SUNY and CUNY, to separate for donation, edible food for human consumption, and the disposal of food scraps at an organic recycler. The donation and recycling provisions are scheduled to begin January 1, 2022.

We Teach NY

- The enacted budget allocates \$3 million for the We Teach NY Program to address the teacher shortage in identified subject areas. Funding will be prioritized to:
 - recruit teacher candidates as incoming college freshmen in hard to staff subject areas;
 - award funds to school districts partnering with a higher education institution;
 - require that the school districts to provide mentors and paid internship opportunities for teaching candidates; and
 - require that teachers will be guaranteed a job opportunity at end of the program if they meet all of the requirements.

For-Profit College Accountability

- The enacted budget did not include the executive budget proposal to enact the For-Profit College Accountability Act.

RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS

NYSHIP Retiree Medicare Part B Reimbursement

- The executive proposal to eliminate the State reimbursement of the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAA) for NYSHIP retirees, and to cap Medicare Part B premium reimbursement was not included in the enacted budget.

NYSHIP Sliding Scale for State Share of Retiree Health Insurance Premiums

- The executive proposal to establish a sliding scale for the employers share of retiree health insurance premiums based on years of service for future retirees was not included in the enacted budget.

HEALTH

Medicaid Global Spending Cap

- Medicaid spending under the Global Cap for 2019 equals \$19.6 billion, which represents an increase of \$586 million over the 2018 cap level.

Safe Staffing

- The enacted budget requires the Department of Health to conduct a study on staffing enhancements and its impact on patient safety. The study will begin by May 1, 2019, and the results and recommendations will be submitted to the commissioner of health and legislative leaders by December 21, 2019. The study must be conducted in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including the statewide hospital and nursing home associations, direct care health workers, labor representatives and patient and community health advocates.

LABOR, ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Statutory Protections to Help Mitigate the Janus Decision

- The enacted budget includes language that will protect union members from organizations that seek to undermine unions following the Supreme Court's Janus

decision. Since the case was decided last year, these organizations have been attempting to obtain personal information through freedom of information policies, to disseminate anti-union propaganda designed to erode union membership. Language included in the enacted state budget makes it an improper practice for an employer to release a public employee's personal information, such as their home address, personal email or cell phone number.

- The enacted budget includes language that will protect unions from frivolous lawsuits filed by former agency fee payers attempting to collect money paid to unions prior to the Janus decision. This new language clarifies that these cases have no standing in state court.

Subjecting Collective Bargaining Agreements to the Freedom of Information Law

- The executive budget proposal that would have subjected collective bargaining agreements to the Freedom of Information Law, prior to ratification votes was not included in the executive budget.

Elections

- The enacted budget includes several changes to the state election process. For the first time, polling places will be allowed to utilize electronic poll books in place of the large paper books currently used.
- The enacted budget expanded the hours for voting in primary elections to conform with those of general elections — from 6am to 9pm.
- The enacted budget also establishes a system for online voter registration and, going forward, will allow all registered voters in New York State up to three hours of paid leave to vote in any election at the beginning or end of their work day. State law previously allowed for up to two hours of paid leave but included strict parameters for use. The new statute only requires workers be a registered voter and give their employer two days' notice that they need time off to vote.

Public Campaign Finance

- The enacted budget establishes a commission to set up a voluntary public campaign finance program for the Legislature and statewide public offices. The nine-member commission must issue a report on December 1, 2019, and their findings will have the full effect of law, unless modified by the Legislature on or before December 22, 2019.

NEW REVENUE

Extending the Surcharge on High Income Earners

- The enacted budget provides for the extension of the existing surcharge on high income earners for an additional five years, until 2024.

Tax on Internet Purchases

- The enacted budget imposes a tax on internet purchases.

Tax on Real Estate

- The enacted budget provides for a tax on real estate transfers over \$2 million in New York City.

Congestion Pricing

- The enacted budget created a commission to implement a congestion pricing program for an area south of 60th Street in Manhattan that will begin no earlier than 12/31/20.