

2008-09 Executive Budget  
21-Day AMENDMENTS  
February 12, 2008

**Amendments to Senate 6807; Assembly 9807  
(Education, Labor and Family Assistance Article VII Bill)**

**Part A**, relating to regents' standards and academic performance, is amended to:

- Require school districts that have at least one school in a deficiency status during the previous two years to file a Contract for Excellence, and to require an update from all districts that filed a Contract for Excellence in 2007-2008.
- Subject annual assessments of performance outcomes to approval by the Board of Regents.
- Make a technical correction to clarify plan submission requirements for Contract for Excellence systemwide initiatives.
- Amend qualification requirements for a college financial assistance demonstration program in Syracuse, and require that HESC prepare for implementation.

**Part B**, relating to the apportionment of public moneys to certain school districts; prescribed payments for the STAR program; and county contributions for preschool special education, is amended to:

- Modify proposed Special Services Aid enhancements to provide for the increase in aid to be available for general operating support.
- Change the calculation of the proposed preschool special education cap so that the annual inflation factor will not be compounded.
- Make a technical correction to conform the effective dates in the proposed building aid modifications.
- Make a technical correction to clarify the calculation of monthly STAR payments to school districts.
- Make a technical correction to clarify that school districts are authorized to conduct preschool special education evaluations.

**Part D**, relating to contracts and purchases made by the state university of New York and the city university of New York; in relation to approval by the state comptroller of certain contracts, is amended to:

- Exempt SUNY Construction Fund contracts from prior approval; to conform provision with exemptions provided for contracts entered into by SUNY and CUNY.
- Make a technical correction by correcting a statutory cross-reference.

**Part I**, relating to regents scholarships in certain professions, regents professional and regents health care professional opportunity scholarships, is amended to:

- Make a technical correction to Education Law to ensure that students enrolled in two-year schools with trimester terms do not lose TAP eligibility at the beginning of the sixth term in the second year of enrollment.

**Part Q**, relating to allowing offsets taken from "Middle Class STAR" rebates, is amended to:

- Correct a reference in order to prevent the application of the joint spouse rules.

**Part V**, relating to the wage reporting system, is amended to:

- Make technical corrections.

**Part Y**, relating to reimbursement and advances by the state, is amended to:

- Exclude child welfare services from the public assistance share shift proposal.