

1 **2024 NYSAC Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, General Government**
3 **& Public Employee Relations**
4 **Resolution #2**

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6 **Resolution Calling on the Governor and Legislature to Support Community**
7 **Colleges and Urging them to Develop an Equitable County Chargeback**
8 **Formula**

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10 **WHEREAS**, under state law, funding for community colleges is to be provided through
11 state aid, a county sponsor contribution, and student tuition and fees; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the establishment and continued operation of a statewide community
14 college system was based on an ongoing state aid funding commitment of at least one
15 third, and up to 40 percent, of community college operating costs; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the state funding amount has declined over the years and is now below
18 their historic one-third commitment, and far short of 40 percent; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, community colleges expenses have increased for county governments due
21 to low in formula aid/contributions from the state, increased operational costs and
22 enrollment declines; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, many community colleges are at a crossroads because they are facing a
25 decade of declining enrollment due to overall state population loss and a dramatic
26 decline in K-12 students, more competition from 4-year schools due to special tuition
27 aid provided by the state, forcing them to ask county sponsors and students to pay more,
28 with county chargeback rates increasing at an unsustainable annual average rate of 9.6
29 percent per year since 2013.

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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
32 Counties (NYSAC) requests the State increase the funding floor for community colleges;
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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the State should adhere to their commitment of
36 covering one third of student costs; and

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, SUNY should continue to work closely with
39 community colleges to develop innovative solutions to attract and support students

1 during these challenging times, such as providing cybersecurity curriculum, cannabis
2 management, and specific regional industry workforce development; and

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC calls on the State University of New York
5 (SUNY) to develop a more equitable funding methodology for community college
6 chargebacks for counties sending residents to colleges outside of their border; and

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8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of
9 New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
12 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed
13 necessary and proper.