



NYSSBA 2019-20 Senate One House Analysis

State Aid

The Senate proposes an increase in total school aid of \$1.62 billion, or more than 6%, over 2018-19 aid levels.

Foundation Aid

The Senate proposal would increase Foundation Aid by \$1.2 billion over 2018-19, representing a more than \$800 million increase over the Executive proposal. The proposal would also establish the use of “direct certification” data as a more accurate student need measurement. The Senate also proposes a plan to fully phase-in Foundation Aid by 2022-23.

School Aid Redistribution Plan

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal to mandate school districts to redistribute school aid among their buildings.

Community Schools Set-Aside

The Senate accepts the Executive’s proposed increase to the community schools set-aside and restores flexibility in the use of the funds to include expenses that maximize student academic achievement.

Consolidation of Reimbursement Aid Categories (ie Services Aid)

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal to consolidate 11 separate aid categories into a new block-grant aid known as “Services Aid.”

Building Aid Adjustment

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal to adjust and reduce building aid reimbursement ratios and to limit allowable costs for school construction projects.

Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal to make changes to APPR as a part of the budget; however, identical language was approved as a stand-alone bill by both houses. This legislation awaits delivery to the Governor.

Student Mental Health Services

The Senate accepts the Executive’s proposed allocation of \$1.5 million to support enhanced mental health and school climate support services, specifically targeted to middle and junior high schools.

Extreme Risk Protection Orders (“Red flag”)

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal because virtually identical legislation was signed into law earlier this year.

Property Tax Cap

The Senate accepts the Executive proposal to make the property tax cap permanent. No changes to the cap are proposed by the Senate.

Charter Schools

The Senate accepts the Executive proposal to allocate an additional \$25 million in direct state support for charter schools in New York City. The proposal would also provide for a current year reimbursement for school districts outside of NYC for supplemental charter school tuition payments.

Non-Public Schools

The Senate accepts the Executive proposal to provide non-public schools access to \$25 million in funding for safety and security projects. Similar to the Executive’s proposal, the funding would also be available to certain community centers and day care facilities.

Prekindergarten

The Senate modifies the Executive proposal to provide a five-year extension of the universal full-day pre-kindergarten program and provides an additional \$5 million for a total of \$20 million for expanded prekindergarten grants.

Healthy Relationship Instruction

The Senate accepts the Executive’s proposed changes to increase mandated health education to include instruction in healthy relationships and comprehensive sexual education but limits the opt-out provisions to the sexual education and sexual health parts of the curriculum.

Recovery High Schools

The Senate accepts the Executive’s proposed allocation of \$1 million in competitive grants for the implementation of recovery high schools.

After-School Programs

The Senate reduces the Executive’s proposed allocation of an additional \$10 million in competitive grants for after school programs to a proposal of \$2 million, and proposes limiting eligibility to Long Island school districts.

Advanced Courses

The Senate accepts the Executive’s proposed allocation of \$1.8 million to subsidize the cost of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams for students eligible for free

or reduced price lunch, but rejects the Executive's proposed allocation of \$1 million to support advanced course access grants for districts with very limited or no advanced course offerings.

Early College High Schools

The Senate modifies the Executive's proposed allocation of an additional \$9 million in competitive grants for early college high schools by reducing it to \$2 million.

Regional STEM Magnet High Schools

The Senate accepts the Executive proposal to authorize BOCES to establish STEM magnet high schools.

Immigrant Student Support

The Senate accepts the Executive's proposed allocation of \$1.5 million in grants to support school districts with increased refugee and immigrant populations.

Early Voting Implementation

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal regarding early voting; however, stand-alone legislation to implement early voting was adopted earlier this year.

Election Day Leave

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal to increase the amount of paid leave employers must provide employees to vote and extend the entitlement to all employees. Current law limits the entitlement to employees without 4 hours before or after work while the polls are open.

Protection of Personal Information

The Senate accepts the Executive proposal to prohibit public employers from releasing employees' personal contact information.

Child Victims Act

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal to expand the rights of victims of childhood sexual abuse; however, similar legislation was signed into law as a stand-alone bill earlier this session.

Division of Human Rights Jurisdiction

The Senate accepts the Executive proposal to expand the jurisdiction of the New York State Division of Human Rights to public school students.

Policies to Support Pregnant and Parenting Students

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal that directs school districts to adopt policies to support pregnant and parenting students, including opportunities to make up missed classwork and excused absences due to pregnancy, childbirth or parenting.

Restorative Justice

The Senate rejects the Executive's proposed allocation of \$3 million in alternative discipline grants for high need school districts or districts with a high number of student suspensions.

Mayoral Control

The Senate accepts the Executive proposal to extend mayoral control in New York City for an additional three years.

Minority and Women Owned Business

The Senate rejects the Executive's expansion of contract agency to include state funded entities including school districts.

School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

The Senate accepts the Executive proposal to allow school districts to have stop arm cameras installed on buses and, after review by local law enforcement, issue tickets to violators who are photographed illegally passing school buses, but modifies the proposal to make the purchase of the cameras eligible for transportation aid.

NYC School Zone Speed Cameras

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal to extend the authorization for New York City to operate speed cameras in school zones for three years.

School Resource Officers

The Senate accepts the Executive proposal to require that schools enter into contracts or memoranda of understanding with employed or contracted law enforcement, school resource officers or other safety personnel that would clearly delegate the role of student discipline to school administration and not safety personnel.

Net Neutrality

The Senate accepts the Executive proposal to prohibit state agencies from contracting with Internet service providers who do not comply with net neutrality practices, but also expands the scope to include municipalities and public libraries, but not school districts. The Senate further expands on the proposal by directing the New York State Public Service Commission to annually certify which broadband service providers doing business in the state adhere to net neutrality practices and make that information available to the public.

Require the Use of Seatbelts on Buses

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal to require students on school buses to wear seatbelts.

STAR

The Senate rejects the Executive proposal to cap the growth of STAR benefits for taxpayers. The Senate also rejects the Executive proposal to restrict eligibility for the STAR program.

Building Level Budget Reporting

The Senate proposes repealing the existing state requirement for school districts to submit school-based budget information to the Division of Budget.

BOCES DS Salary Cap Increase

The Senate includes a proposal to increase the BOCES district superintendent salary cap. This proposal would authorize BOCES boards to negotiate graduated increases with their superintendents.

TRS Reserve Fund

The Senate includes a proposal to allow school districts to create reserve funds for teachers' retirement system contributions.

BOCES Reimbursable Salary Cap and Special Services Aid

The Senate proposes to increase the aidable cap on BOCES salaries for career and technical educators to \$50,000 by 2023-24. The proposal would also provide an increase in special services aid for non-component districts, including the Big 5.

Building and Transportation Aid Forgiveness

The Senate proposal would provide a new period of forgiveness to districts facing building aid and transportation aid penalties for clerical errors and omissions.

Funding for Special Act School Districts

The Senate proposes to increase the funding rate for special act school districts by four percent for 2019-20.

Prior Year Adjustments

The Senate proposal would offset potential district aid overpayment deductions by using funds owed to the same district on the prior year aid claims list.