



MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

A.2404 (Fahy)

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the New York state masters-in-education teacher incentive scholarship program

The Capital Region Chamber, representing 2,400 businesses and organizations from throughout the Capital Region that employ more than 150,000 area residents, supports A.2404 which would align the Masters-in-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program with other state scholarship programs allowing students to choose the college or university with the academic program and approach that benefits them most.

The Chamber agrees with the bill sponsor's statement that private colleges and universities are leaders in educating teachers and are anchor tenants in their communities. Many educate large numbers and proportions of New York State resident students, often students from the immediate region. Once graduated, these students fill critical positions in public school across the State. New York students should be able to benefit from the Masters-in-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship Program regardless of where they choose to attend college.

For these stated reasons, the Capital Region Chamber recommends the passage of this legislation.

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