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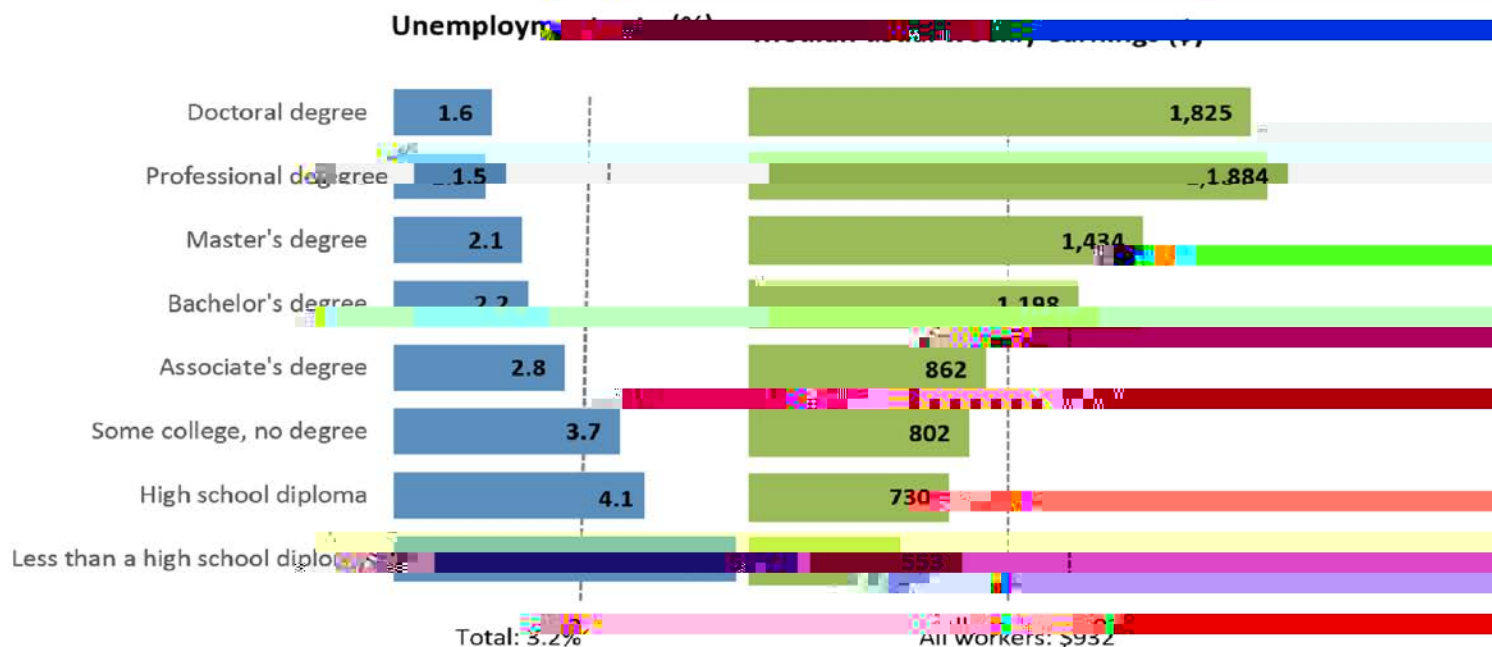
Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Higher Education

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Why College Access & Completion Matters – Earnings and Unemployment

Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2018



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
 Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

Access and Opportunity Programs

2020-21 \$10M Budget Request

Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)	\$4.5M
Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP)	\$1.0M
Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP)	\$2.5M
Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP)	\$2.0M

- f* The state's higher education opportunity programs are available for students attending public and private colleges throughout the state.
- f* These programs currently serve over 39,000 underrepresented and disadvantaged students.
- f* These programs are effective at increasing graduation rates and should be expanded.

Increase Access to Higher Education – Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)

f HEOP provides financial assistance, pre-freshman summer programs, remedial coursework, tutoring and

Increase Access to Higher Education – Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP)

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Increase Access to Higher Education – Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP)

f LPPs are partnerships between institutions of higher education, schools and community-based organizations that offer comprehensive pre-collegiate/dropout prevention programs to middle and high school students. LPPs provide tutoring, counseling, college and career exploration, crisis intervention and other supportive services to over 15,000 students in 46 programs across New York State.

f LPP has demonstrated value in positively impacting youth at risk of dropping out of school.

TMSED requests an additional \$2 million to serve approximately 1,300 additional students and expand its corresponding capacity for essential program components, such as mentoring, college access to NYS Opportunity Programs, summer programs and family/alumni engagement.

Increase Access to Higher

Teacher & Leader Preparation Programs

2020-21 \$2.5M Budget Request

Transform Teacher and Leader Preparation Programs & Increase Diversity

TMSED requests \$2.5 million in new state funds to establish research-based, innovative, high quality birth to grade 3 teacher preparation programs (\$1.2M each year for four years) and birth to grade 12 leader preparation programs (\$1.2M each year for two

Certification Examination Fee Waiver Vouchers

2020-21 \$1.2M Budget Request

Expand the Provision of Certification Examination Fee Waiver Vouchers

TM To promote teacher diversity and encourage more candidates to join the teaching profession in response to public school teacher shortages, SED requests **\$1.2 million in new state funds** to provide more fee waiver vouchers to assist economically disadvantaged educator candidates in paying for certification exams.

f \$1.2 million would support tripling the number of vouchers currently distributed annually from 3,000 to 9,000 to cover the certification exam fees.



Bridge to College and Careers Pilot Program

2020-21 \$3M Budget Request

Enable Out-of-School Youth and Adults to Prepare for Postsecondary Study and Careers

- ™ SED requests \$3 million in new state funds to establish a pilot program to enable out-of-school youth and adults to obtain critical basic skills and high school equivalency diplomas as well as industry-recognized credentials for employment or a college degree.



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OP Modernization: Enhanced Services for Licensed Professionals

- f* A project plan has been developed to replace our antiquated computer system with a robust custom-built electronic licensing system, which will include enhancements to the customer experience and improvements to back-office processes, over the next 5 years.
- f* Initial online applications for nearly 50 professions have been rolled out

Implementation of Critical New Laws

The Professions





Thank You.

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