



MEMO OF OPPOSITION

[S2047-A \(Webb\) / A617-A \(Shimsky\)](#)

Amends definition of “reportable business relationship”

May 30, 2025

TITLE OF BILL

An act to amend the legislative law, in relation to the term "reportable business relationship" as it relates to certain employees of the state university of New York and the city university of New York.

STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION

Reinvent Albany opposes [S2047-A / A617-A](#), which would make state and city government less transparent. The sponsor’s memo claims that having professors disclose relationships with other universities is an “unnecessary cost” and “roadblock.” In reality, all the law requires is that SUNY and CUNY professors file a short form disclosing these relationships. The alleged roadblock that the bill intends to remove does not exist.

We urge the Legislature to vote NO on this bill, and the Governor to veto the bill if passed.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

Section 1 amends the definition of “reportable business relationship” under Legislative Law §1-C(w) to make it so that colleges or universities do not have to report to the state when a faculty member is also employed “in a similar role” at another college or university.

Section 2 states that the bill takes effect immediately.