



# 2018 New York State YMCA

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Committee Assignment: Assembly Freedom 4

Bill #: AF-26

1 **AN ACT TO:** Mandate New York Public Schools provide internships/skills workshops  
2 to second semester high school seniors

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4 ***The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate***  
5 ***and Assembly, do enact as follows:***

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7 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill is to better prepare students for life outside high  
8 schools

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### 10 **SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS**

11 Internship - the position of a student or trainee who works in an organization,  
12 sometimes without pay, in order to gain work experience or satisfy requirements  
13 for a qualification.

14 We will partner with the State Economic Development Department to establish  
15 internship slots with businesses for high school seniors. Students will still be graded  
16 on their performance under given requirements from their school.

17 The programs can range from local work in small businesses to workshops that  
18 teach focused skills preparing teens for adult life such as tax explanations, positive  
19 money behaviors, resume building, and interview skills.

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### 21 **JUSTIFICATION**

22 Students are more likely to do better work if they already have experience in the  
23 field. This serves as an opportunity for students to explore possible careers if their  
24 school provides internships. Students can either hone in on a career they love and  
25 can network but also have an opportunity to explore other fields. This establishes a  
26 better knowledge of what they should major in college saving time and money.

27 These internships and skills can also be put on resumes giving students a decent  
28 start in the workforce. Last, but not least, this bill allows high school seniors a  
29 platform to become better functioning adults which would lead to a better and  
30 stronger society well prepared for life challenges. Securing internships or life skills  
31 can be difficult for many students. This bill provides everyone with at least a little  
32 experience before teens go to college or enter the workforce after they graduate  
33 high school

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### 35 **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

36 Will depend on the school's use of its own resources

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### 38 **Effective Date**

39 January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020