

2015-16
Assembly Budget Proposal

INTRODUCTION

Section 54 of the Legislative Law requires, among other things, a “comprehensive, cumulative report” to be made available to Members of the Assembly prior to action on budget bills advanced by the Governor. The following “Summary of the Assembly Recommended Changes to the Executive Budget” is prepared by Ways and Means Committee staff and is intended to provide a concise presentation of all additions, deletions, re-estimates and policy changes that are advanced in the Assembly proposal, embodied in Assembly Resolution E. 203. The budget proposal of the Assembly Majority addresses each appropriation, as well as programmatic language, advanced in the Executive Budget. However, several policy matters warrant a more full and public discourse and are thus not included at this time.

Transparency is important to promote public confidence in the integrity of State government. As such, the Assembly is committed to the development of meaningful reforms that support greater disclosure of the sources and amounts of income received by Members of the Legislature, Executive branch officials, and statewide and local government officials as well. The Assembly will also pursue measures to administer and enforce laws governing unethical or unlawful conduct by all public officials.

The Assembly supports the goal of addressing the problem of persistently underperforming schools and acknowledges that such schools need flexibility in setting curriculum and schedules in order to develop an appropriate community-based approach to meet the needs of students during traditional school hours, while also investing in afterschool programs.

Rape, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on college campuses are of paramount concern, and the establishment of policies and procedures to combat such abuse remains of utmost importance. The Assembly is committed to promoting a safe and hostility-free learning environment for all, in compliance with federal requirements. While the issues involved are far too complex to adequately address during budget deliberations, the Assembly will continue to seek input from students and members of institutions of higher education in order to craft a meaningful sexual harassment policy in the current legislative session.

The Assembly does not include legislation proposed by the Executive to enact certain reforms to the criminal justice system and will hold hearings to provide legislators with the opportunity to hear from community leaders, law enforcement officials, legal experts and other stakeholders to ensure that these important issues are considered in an open forum, and to facilitate the enactment of meaningful reforms.

The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to establish a commission to make recommendations on executive and legislative compensation. However, the Assembly will seek to develop and enact a Commission on Executive and Legislative Compensation to evaluate appropriate compensation levels for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, and other state officers, as well as members of the Legislature.

**OVERVIEW OF ASSEMBLY BUDGET PROPOSAL
State Fiscal Year 2015-16**

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Financial Plan

All Funds

The All Funds Budget is the broadest measure of spending; accounting for unrestricted and restricted state funds as well as funds received from the federal government.

The Assembly proposes an All Funds Budget of \$150.7 billion for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015-16, which is \$713 million higher than the Executive proposal. The Assembly All Funds Budget proposal is \$7.7 billion over the projected spending levels for SFY 2014-15. Importantly, All Funds spending includes extraordinary federal aid of \$1.7 billion for Superstorm Sandy relief and \$6.1 billion for the Affordable Care Act. Absent these funds, year over year disbursement growth would be 3.6 percent or \$5.0 billion.

Table 1

NYS Assembly Disbursements - Difference from Executive (\$ in Millions)				
	SFY 2014-15 Executive	SFY 2015-16 Executive	SFY 2015-16 Assembly	Difference
General Funds	\$63,181	\$70,629	\$71,396	\$767
State Operating Funds	92,376	93,988	94,658	670
State Funds	98,667	102,554	103,321	767
All Funds	\$143,002	\$149,996	\$150,709	\$713

The Assembly projects receipts on an All Funds basis for SFY 2015-16 of \$149.5 billion, which represents an increase of \$1.5 billion or 1.0 percent above SFY 2014-15 estimates. All Funds receipts assume a \$5.1 billion decrease in Miscellaneous Receipts due to one-time settlements received in SFY 2014-15.

State Funds

State Funds spending consists of the General Fund plus Debt Service Funds, Capital Projects Funds and Other State Funds. The Assembly State Funds spending level for SFY 2015-16 is projected to total \$103.3 billion, representing an increase of \$4.7 billion or 4.7 percent over SFY 2014-15. The Assembly's State Funds spending estimate for SFY 2015-16 is \$767 million above the Executive's estimate.

The Assembly projects State Funds receipts in SFY 2015-16 will total \$99.7 billion, a decrease of \$1.2 billion or 1.2 percent from SFY 2014-15. This amount is \$227 million higher than the Executive forecast.

State Operating Funds

The State Operating budget includes all State spending in the General Fund, State Special Revenue Fund, and Debt Service Fund, and excludes Capital Projects Funds and Federal spending. The Assembly forecasts that State Operating Funds spending will total \$94.7 billion, an increase of \$2.3 billion or 2.47 percent over SFY 2014-15. This growth is primarily attributable to an increase in General Support for Public Schools. In SFY 2015-16, State Operating Fund receipts are estimated to total \$92.8 billion, a \$2.0 billion or 2.1 percent decrease from SFY 2014-15.

General Fund

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the State, and accounts for all unrestricted tax revenue and other receipts not dedicated to a specific fund, program, or activity. The General Fund receives monies from personal income taxes, sales and user taxes, business taxes, other taxes, miscellaneous receipts, and transfers from other funds.

The Assembly Budget assumes General Fund spending of \$71.4 billion in SFY 2015-16, an increase of \$8.2 billion or 13.0 percent over SFY 2014-15. This increase is primarily due to the one-time transfer of \$4.6 billion in settlement receipts into a new capital fund. Proposed spending is \$767 million higher than the Executive proposal. In SFY 2015-16, General Fund receipts are estimated to total \$66.3 billion, a \$2.4 billion or 3.5 percent decrease from SFY 2014-15. The proposed Assembly receipts are \$217 million higher than the Executive forecast.

Table 2

Financial Plan Summary (\$ in Millions)			
	SFY 2013-14	SFY 2014-15	SFY 2015-16
	Actual	Estimate	Legislative Budget Plan
State Operating Funds Budget			
Size of Budget	\$90,631	\$92,376	\$94,658
Annual Growth	2.0%	1.9%	2.5%
Other Budget Measure (Annual Growth)			
General Fund (with transfers)	\$61,243 3.9%	\$63,181 3.2%	\$71,396 13.0%
State Funds (Including Capital)	\$96,355 1.9%	\$98,667 2.4%	\$103,321 4.7%
Capital Budget (Federal and State)	\$7,751 2.8%	\$7,995 9.2%	\$9,471.0 18.5%
Federal Operating	\$37,492 3.7%	\$37,342 -0.4%	\$38,217 2.3%
All Governmental Funds	\$137,526 2.5%	\$143,002 4.0%	\$150,709 5.4%
All Gov'l Funds (Including "Off-Budget" Capital)	\$138,879 2.5%	\$143,913 3.6%	\$151,722 5.4%
Inflation (CPI) Growth	1.4%	1.4%	0.9%
All Funds Receipts			
Taxes	\$69,690	\$70,512	\$74,433
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$24,233	\$30,426	\$25,319
Federal Grants	\$42,137	\$47,035	\$49,709
Total Receipts	\$136,060	\$147,973	\$149,461
General Fund Receipts			
Taxes	\$42,727	\$42,950	\$45,859
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$3,219	\$8,874	\$3,160
Federal Grants	\$0	\$2	\$0
Transfers from Other Funds	\$15,922	\$16,888	\$17,288
Total Receipts	\$61,868	\$68,714	\$66,307
Total General Fund Reserves (year-end)	\$2,235	\$7,768	\$2,678
Debt			
Debt Service as % All Funds	5.0%	4.3%	4.1%
State Related Debt Outstanding	\$55,165	\$54,896	\$56,915

Assembly Action on Executive Budget

Resources to support the Assembly Budget are comprised of funds identified by the Executive, re-estimates in tax collections from revenue consensus, re-estimates of Executive spending, lower Medicaid spending in the General Fund, and reductions to other programs.

The Assembly Budget would spend a net \$767 million more than the Executive on a State Funds basis, a 0.7 percent increase in total state spending over the Executive Budget.

Table 3

Financial Plan Summary of Differences from the Executive				
SFY 2015-16				
(\$ in Millions)				
	General Fund	State Operating	State Funds	All Funds
Receipts				
Executive	\$66,090	\$92,584	\$99,493	\$149,288
<i>Tax Cuts</i>	(17)	(17)	(17)	(17)
<i>Misc. Receipts/Fees</i>	34	29	44	44
<i>Transfers</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Revenue Reestimates</i>	200	200	200	200
<i>Federal</i>	0	0	0	(54)
Assembly	66,307	92,796	99,720	149,461
<i>Assembly Difference from Executive</i>	217	212	227	173
Disbursements				
Executive	70,629	93,988	102,554	149,996
<i>Spending Addition</i>	1,332	1,262	1,359	1,360
<i>Spending Reduction</i>	(565)	(592)	(592)	(647)
Assembly	71,396	94,658	103,321	150,709
<i>Assembly Differences from Executive</i>	\$767	\$670	\$767	\$713

As part of the revenue consensus process, the Assembly agreed to increase the Executive’s revenue forecast by \$200 million. The Assembly also estimates a \$54 million reduction in Federal Funds for Medicaid reestimates and a \$17 million reduction in tax revenue attributed to the rejection of certain Executive tax proposals. The Assembly proposal also includes an additional \$44 million in Miscellaneous Receipts which includes an assessment on obstetrical care and funds transferred from the New York Power Authority (NYPA).

Included among the Assembly’s All Funds spending actions are a \$654 million increase to Education; \$106 million to Social Services; and \$44 million to Higher Education.

JP Morgan Spending Initiatives

In December 2013, the State received \$613 million from the JP Morgan Chase settlement. Of this sum, a total of \$92 million will be transferred to the General Fund in annual increments between SFY 2013-14 and SFY 2016-17. The SFY 2014-15 budget transferred the remaining \$81.5 million to a Fiduciary Fund of the Attorney General for foreclosure avoidance and amelioration, and other housing initiatives.

The SFY 2015-16 Executive Budget includes appropriation language for the remainder of settlement proceeds in the Division of Housing and Community Renewal. The Assembly accepts the majority of the Executive’s spending plan with a few exceptions, as noted below.

Table 4

JP Morgan Allocations (\$ in Millions)		
	Executive	Assembly
Low and Middle Income Housing Program	50	0
Mitchell-Lama Repair and Revitalization	50	110
SONYMA Mortgage Rate Reduction	21.7	21.7
Access to Home for Heroes	19.6	19.6
HOPE / Restore (for the elderly)	5	5
NY/NY IV	116	116
ESD Restore NY	50	50
Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)	15	5
NYC Rental Assistance	40	40
HIV/AIDS Rent Cap	27	27
Neighborhood & Rural Preservation programs (NPP/RPP)	20.3	20.3
NYCHA Capital Repairs	25	25
Total	439.6	439.6

Reserves

The Assembly Budget projects \$2.7 billion in reserves at the end of SFY 2015-16, representing a \$5.1 billion decrease from SFY 2014-15. The Assembly proposal would reduce the amount of unrestricted reserves for Debt Management by \$300 million and budgetary risks by \$250 million. These actions ensure adequate support to meet the Assembly's financial plan while leaving almost \$2.7 billion in reserves.

Table 5

Estimated General Fund Closing Balance		
(\$ in Millions)		
	Executive	Assembly
Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund	1,256	1,256
Statutory Rainy Day Reserve Fund	540	540
Contingency Reserve Fund	21	21
Community Projects Fund	-	-
Debt Management	500	200
Labor Agreements	62	62
Budgetary Risk	850	600
Total	3,229	2,679

Table 6

Cash Financial Plan All Governmental Funds (\$ in Millions)			
	SFY 2014-15 Current	SFY 2015-16 Proposed	Annual \$ Change
Opening Fund Balance	\$4,035	\$9,267	\$5,232
Receipts:			
Taxes	70,512	74,433	3,921
Miscellaneous Receipts	30,426	25,319	(5,107)
Federal Receipts	47,035	49,709	2,674
Total Receipts	147,973	149,461	1,488
Disbursements:			
Local Assistance Grants	103,880	110,410	6,530
Department Operations	20,160	20,262	102
General State Charges	7,372	7,642	270
Debt Service	5,833	5,426	(407)
Capital Projects	5,757	6,969	1,212
Total Disbursements	143,002	150,709	7,707
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers from Other Funds	30,363	35,139	4,776
Transfers to Other Funds	(30,408)	(35,204)	(4,796)
Bond and Note Proceeds	306	611	305
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	261	546	285
Change in Fund Balance	5,232	(702)	(5,934)
Closing Fund Balance	\$9,267	\$8,565	(\$702)

Table 7

Cash Financial Plan State Funds (\$ in Millions)			
	SFY 2014-15 Current	SFY 2015-16 Proposed	Annual \$ Change
Opening Fund Balance	\$4,369	\$9,663	\$5,294
Receipts:			
Taxes	70,512	74,433	3,921
Miscellaneous Receipts	30,314	25,208	(5,106)
Federal Receipts	81	79	(2)
Total Receipts	100,907	99,720	(1,187)
Disbursements:			
Local Assistance Grants	62,646	65,674	3,028
Department Operations	18,371	18,613	242
General State Charges	7,072	7,336	264
Debt Service	5,833	5,426	(407)
Capital Projects	4,745	6,272	1,527
Total Disbursements	98,667	103,321	4,654
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers from Other Funds	31,190	35,758	4,568
Transfers to Other Funds	(28,442)	(33,611)	(5,169)
Bond and Note Proceeds	306	704	398
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	3,054	2,851	(203)
Change in Fund Balance	5,294	(750)	(6,044)
Closing Fund Balance	\$9,663	\$8,913	(\$750)

Table 8

Cash Financial Plan State Operation Funds (\$ in Millions)			
	SFY 2014-15 Current	SFY 2015-16 Proposed	Annual \$ Change
Opening Fund Balance	\$4,789	\$9,946	\$5,157
Receipts:			
Taxes	69,150	73,087	3,937
Miscellaneous Receipts	25,540	19,635	(5,905)
Federal Receipts	76	74	(2)
Total Receipts	94,766	92,796	(1,970)
Disbursements:			
Local Assistance Grants	61,100	63,282	2,182
Department Operations	18,371	18,613	242
General State Charges	7,072	7,336	264
Debt Service	5,833	5,426	(407)
Capital Projects	0	1	1
Total Disbursements	92,376	94,658	2,282
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers from Other Funds	29,723	29,288	(435)
Transfers to Other Funds	(26,956)	(32,202)	(5,246)
Bond and Note Proceeds	0	0	0
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,767	(2,914)	(5,681)
Change in Fund Balance	5,157	(4,776)	(9,933)
Closing Fund Balance	\$9,946	\$5,170	(\$4,776)

Table 9

Cash Financial Plan General Fund (\$ in Millions)			
	Executive SFY 2014-15 Current	Assembly SFY 2015-16 Proposed	Amount Change
Opening Balance	\$2,235	\$7,768	\$5,533
Receipts:			
Personal Income Tax	29,486	31,836	2,350
Consumption/Use Taxes and Fees	6,700	7,006	306
Business Taxes	5,576	5,893	317
Other Taxes	1,188	1,124	(64)
Subtotal of Taxes	42,950	45,859	2,909
Miscellaneous Receipts	8,874	3,160	(5,714)
Federal Grants	2	-	(2)
Transfers From Other Funds	16,888	17,288	400
Total Receipts	68,714	66,307	(2,407)
Disbursements:			
Education	20,519	22,489	1,970
Higher Education	2,870	2,976	106
Medicaid-DOH	11,664	12,297	633
Public Health	749	788	39
Mental Hygiene	1,392	1,093	(299)
Human Services	2,806	3,021	215
Transportation	98	104	6
Unrestricted Aid	778	768	(10)
All Other	1,110	1,075	(35)
Total Local Assistance Grants	41,986	44,610	2,624
Total Departmental Operations	7,872	8,229	357
General State Charges	4,977	5,195	218
Transfers to Other Funds	8,346	13,361	1,797
Total Disbursements	63,181	71,397	8,216
Change in Fund Balance	5,533	(5,090)	(10,623)
CLOSING CASH BALANCE	\$7,768	\$2,679	(\$5,089)

Revenue

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 309 of the Laws of 1996, the Executive and the Legislature reached consensus and provided the following update:

ECONOMIC AND REVENUE CONSENSUS REPORT 2015-16

This report contains the results of the consensus economic and revenue forecasting process conducted by the Executive and the Legislature in advance of the enactment of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015-16 Budget, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 309 of the Laws of 1996.

The Consensus Forecasting Conference was held on February 26, 2015. Based on the testimony of experts at the Conference, the outlooks for both the economy and revenue have improved but remain uncertain, with upside and downside risks appearing balanced.

Economic Forecast Review

The economic forecasts contained in the Executive Budget and Legislative reports portray a sustained economic recovery. All parties agree that a strengthening labor market and lower energy prices will result in stronger economic growth in 2015 than in the prior year. The consensus forecast for real U.S. GDP growth for 2015 is 2.9 percent, following growth of 2.4 percent for 2014.

All parties expect the national labor market to continue to grow going forward. The consensus forecast for 2015 employment growth is 2.3 percent, after growing 1.9 percent in 2014. Stronger job growth in 2015 is projected to be accompanied by stronger income growth as well. The consensus forecasts for wage and total personal income growth for 2015 are 4.5 percent and 4.4 percent, respectively, following growth of 4.3 percent and 3.9 percent in 2014. Consensus growth in U.S. corporate profits, including the capital consumption and inventory valuation adjustments, is expected to improve in 2015 along with overall economic activity. Consensus growth in the Consumer Price Index for 2015 of 0.5 percent represents the impact of low energy prices, following an inflation rate of 1.6 percent for 2014. All parties expect the Federal Reserve to start raising its short-term interest rate target sometime in 2015, although there is a diversity of opinion as to exact timing of that move.

CONSENSUS U.S. FORECAST CALENDAR YEAR Percent Change		
	<u>CY2015</u>	<u>CY2016</u>
REAL U.S. GDP	2.9	2.8
PERSONAL INCOME	4.4	5.1
WAGES	4.5	5.1
CORP PROFITS	5.0	4.8
NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	2.3	1.9
3-MONTH T-BILL RATE	0.3	1.5
CPI	0.5	2.2

Income shifting in anticipation of rising federal tax rates for high-income taxpayers on January 1, 2013, continues to distort calendar year income growth rates, particularly at the State level. Since State fiscal year forecasts are largely unaffected by this shifting, they are reported here in place of the calendar year forecasts. The parties agree that the New York State labor market will remain healthy, with consensus forecast growth of 1.4 percent for FY 2016, following estimated growth of 1.6 percent for FY 2015. The consensus forecast for FY 2016 wage growth is 4.4 percent, representing a slight acceleration from the FY 2015 consensus estimate of 4.3 percent. The consensus forecast for FY 2016 personal income growth is 4.5 percent, following estimated growth of 4.0 percent in FY 2015.

CONSENSUS N.Y. FORECAST FISCAL YEAR Percent Change		
	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>
NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1.6	1.4
PERSONAL INCOME	4.0	4.5
WAGES	4.3	4.4

All parties agree that there are multiple risks to the economic outlook for the national and State economies, and therefore revenues. Slower growth in the global economy would have an adverse impact on the U.S. economy, and while the euro zone debt crisis has eased, many of the area's underlying problems have not gone away. Energy price volatility also remains both a positive and negative risk. Sources of upside risk include stronger than expected labor and housing market growth.

One of the greater risks to both the national and the New York forecasts stems from policy measures expected to be taken by the Federal Reserve before the end of this year. A flatter yield curve than the Federal Reserve envisions could hamper the housing recovery, reduce business investment and hiring, and diminish financial sector profits. As the world's financial capital, New York would be negatively affected were interest rates to rise at a much faster pace

than reflected in the consensus forecast. On the other hand, stronger growth in financial activities than expected could present upside potential for the State economy.

Revenue Forecast Review

Section 23 of the State Finance Law defines receipts subject to consensus as the combined total of All Funds tax receipts, General Fund miscellaneous receipts, and lottery revenues. All parties reached consensus on a two-year revenue total that is \$200 million (General Fund) above the Executive Budget estimate, although actual results could differ, given the risks enumerated below. Revenue estimates from all parties for FY 2015 and projections for FY 2016 exhibited relatively small variances from one another. There was general consensus on the factors affecting current year receipts -the weak April 2014 personal income tax settlement resulting from taxpayer behavior altered by 2013 Federal tax law changes, the repayment of tax credit claims deferred in Tax Years 2010-2012 and tax cuts enacted in 2014. There was also general agreement that revenue growth would continue into FY 2016, consistent with the understanding that absent the one-time issues affecting the current year, FY 2016 revenue growth would align with the positive impacts of accelerating wage and personal income growth noted above. Risk factors that could affect actual results during the next 13 months include:

- the degree to which corporate tax reform results in variances from the corporate tax receipts embodied in the current Financial Plan;
- the degree to which employment, wage, non-wage income, and capital gains growth depart from expectations;
- the degree to which underlying consumption growth affects sales tax revenue growth; and
- the extent and timing of Federal Reserve interest rate increases, and their impact on New York's finance sector, estate tax collections, and real estate transfer tax collections.

Assembly Tax/Revenue Proposals SFY 2015-16

- **Part A:** Intentionally omitted.
- **Part B – NYC STAR PIT Rate Reduction:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that eliminates the NYC STAR PIT reduction for taxpayers with incomes over \$500,000.
- **Part C – STAR Offset Program:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that makes the program permanent but rejects the proposal to discontinue provisions that would offset outstanding State tax liabilities.
- **Part D:** Intentionally omitted.
- **Part E – STAR Unlawful Exemptions:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that authorizes the Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF) to recoup improperly granted STAR exemptions. However, it rejects several of the penalties imposed.
- **Part F - STAR Unenrolled Registrants:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that allows homeowners who registered for STAR with the State, but failed to apply locally, to receive the benefit for tax year 2014.
- **Part G – Real Property Tax PIT Credit:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal but does not link the credit with the property tax cap.
- **Part H - Charitable Contribution Deduction Cap:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that makes permanent the current limitation on charitable contributions deductions for incomes over \$1 million.
- **Part I - PIT/MTA Mobility Technical Amendments:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that makes various technical amendments to Tax Law articles.
- **Part J - Reporting for the Commercial Production Credit:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that requires new annual reporting requirements for the Department of Economic Development (DED) with regard to the Commercial Production Credit.
- **Part K - Extend Excelsior credit to entertainment companies:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that amends the Excelsior Job Program to allow entertainment companies to participate subject to certain criteria for job creation and investments.

- **Part L - Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for Master Tapes:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that reforms the ITC by limiting the base of the credit to only include credits incurred in New York.
- **Part M - Urban Youth Jobs Program:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that authorizes an additional \$10 million per year allocation for 2015 to 2017, renames the Youth Works Tax Credit Program, and includes new criteria to target at-risk youth.
- **Part N - Reduce Tax on Small Businesses:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that reduces over a three-year period the income tax rate for small corporate taxpayers from 6.5 percent to 2.5 percent.
- **Part O - Employee Training Incentive Program:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that creates a new Employee Training tax credit equal to 50 percent of relevant expenses, up to \$10,000 per employee. The Assembly modifies certain eligibility criteria.
- **Part P - Taxes on Wireless Communications:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that imposes the franchise tax on transportation and transmission corporations on mobile telecommunications businesses.
- **Part Q - Sales tax refund requirements on Article 9 taxpayers:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that requires taxpayers that pass through the economic incidence of a tax to their customers to refund such tax to their customers first before seeking a State refund.
- **Part R – Brownfields Cleanup Program:** The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal.
- **Part S - Combined Department of State (DOS) filings with tax return:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that combines the DOS biennial information statements provided by corporations with their tax return filings.
- **Part T – Corporate Tax Reform:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal.
- **Part U - Extend wine tasting sales tax exemption:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that extends the wine tasting sales tax exemption to beer, cider and liquor.
- **Part V - Sales tax on prepaid wireless:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that amends the Tax Law to clarify that sales tax applies to prepaid mobile calling services based on the retailer’s location.
- **Part W:** Intentionally omitted.

- **Part X - Sales tax on marketplace providers:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that requires marketplace providers to collect sales tax on taxable sales they facilitate.
- **Part Y - Close certain sales tax loopholes:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that provides for closure of sales tax avoidance practices.
- **Part Z - Exempt from sales tax solar power purchase agreements:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that expands the existing sales tax exemption for solar energy system equipment to include electricity generated by such equipment sold under a power purchase agreement.
- **Part AA - Allow petroleum refunds for farm use:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that extends current farming reimbursements for the purchase of certain motor fuels to the purchase of highway diesel motor fuel exclusively for farming uses.
- **Part BB – Estate Tax Reform technical amendments:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that provides for technical amendments and modifies by including provisions for portability and Qualified Terminable Interest Property (QTIP) trusts.
- **Part CC - Enhance motor fuel enforcement:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that requires wholesalers of motor fuel to register and file information returns and make adjustments for prepaid sales tax on motor fuel when purchased and sold in different tax regions.
- **Part DD - Make permanent warrantless wage garnishment:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that makes permanent the authority of the DTF Commissioner to serve wage garnishments without filing a warrant.
- **Part EE through Part LL:** Intentionally omitted.
- **Part MM - Extend Video Lottery Gaming capital awards:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that extends for one year the deadline to receive approval and complete capital projects reimbursed through the Video Lottery Gaming (VLG) vendor's capital award.
- **Part NN - Pari-mutuel gaming extension:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that extends for one year various provisions of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law.
- **Part OO - Expansion of electronic gaming offerings:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that clarifies and expands the State's authority to operate types of video lottery games.

- **Part PP - Extend New York Racing Association board term:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that extends from three to four years the maximum term of the New York Racing Association.
- **Part QQ – NYC Corporate Tax Reform:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal.
- **Part RR - Alternative vehicle refueling property & electric vehicle credit:** The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal that restricts the credit by excluding from the calculation grants received.
- **Part SS – NYC Circuit Breaker:** The Assembly proposes to make permanent the NYC homeowners and renters Circuit Breaker credit enacted with the 2014 Budget and enhances, over a three-year period, its provisions to provide more relief.
- **Part TT – Higher Education Tuition Expenses Tax Credit:** The Assembly proposes to increase the current credit percentage to six percent, enhances the qualified expenses definition, as well as provides a credit based on the American Opportunity Credit.
- **Part UU – QEZE Credit Allocation amendments:** The Assembly proposes to modify qualifying income allocation for credit calculation to allow for income derived from out-of-State receipts.
- **Part VV – Boat Sales Tax Exemption:** The Assembly proposes to cap the sales tax on vessels valued over \$230,000.
- **Part WW – Music Production Credit:** The Assembly proposes to provide a refundable tax credit equal to 25 percent of qualified expenses for music productions with the total program capped at \$25 million annually.
- **Part XX – MTA Mobility Tax and Libraries:** The Assembly proposes to exempt Libraries from the MTA Mobility Tax.
- **Part YY – Monticello Raceway:** The Assembly proposes to extend the Monticello Raceway Video Lottery Terminal rates for one year.
- **Part ZZ – Jockey Fund:** The Assembly proposes to increase the cap on deductions from an owner’s share of purses to pay for the costs of workers’ compensation insurance by the New York Jockey Injury Compensation Fund, Inc. to two percent until April, 1 2017.
- **Part AAA – Lower Manhattan & NYC Extensions:** The Assembly proposes to extend certain tax and other relief provisions for NYC and Lower Manhattan by four years.

Executive Tax Revenue Proposals Rejected

- **Part A – Cap STAR Growth:** The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to cap the amount of tax savings at the 2014-15 levels beginning with the 2015-16 School year.
- **Part D – Convert STAR Exemption to a PIT Credit:** The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to close the STAR program to new applicants and establish a refundable PIT tax credit.
- **Part W – Industrial Development Authority (IDA) Reform:** The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal.
- **Part EE – Lower Threshold for Delinquent Taxpayers’ Driver’s License Suspension:** The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to lower the threshold for driver’s license suspension due to delinquent past-due tax liabilities from \$10,000 to \$5,000.
- **Part FF - Tax compliance for medical practitioners:** Part FF has moved to Article VII Health and Mental Hygiene Budget Bill.
- **Part GG - Tax compliance for grantees:** The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal.
- **Part HH - Reciprocal tax collection agreements:** The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal.
- **Part II - Multi-agency sharing:** The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal.
- **Part JJ - Professional and business tax clearance:** The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal.
- **Part KK - New State employees’ tax clearance:** The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal.
- **Part LL - Sharing of child care data:** The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal.

Fiscal Impact - Assembly Article VII Revenue Proposals (\$ Millions)					
PART	DESCRIPTION	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
B	Eliminates the NYC STAR PIT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
C	STAR Offset Program	0	0	0	0
E	Improperly Granted STAR Exemptions	0	0	0	0
F	STAR Unenrolled Registrants	0	0	0	0
G	PIT Property Tax Credit	0	(350)	(850)	(1,350)
H	Charitable Contributions Deduction Cap	0	70	140	125
I	PIT/MTA Technical Amendments	0	0	0	0
J	Commercial Production Credit Reporting	0	0	0	0
K	Extend Excelsior Credit	0	0	0	0
L	Investment Tax Credit for Master Tapes	0	0	15	15
M	Urban Youth Jobs Program	0	(10)	(10)	(10)
N	Reduce Tax on Small Businesses	0	(26)	(29)	(32)
O	Employee Training Incentive Program	0	0	0	0
P	Taxes on Wireless Communications	0	0	0	0
Q	Sales Tax Refund Requirements on Article 9 Taxpayers	0	0	0	0
R	Brownfields Cleanup Program	0	0	0	0
S	Combined DOS Filings with Tax Return	0	0	0	0
T	Corporate Reform Technical Amendments	0	7	30	30
U	Extend Wine Tasting Sales Tax Exemption	0	0	0	0
V	Local Sales on Prepaid Wireless	0	0	0	0
X	Sales Tax on Marketplace Providers	0	59	59	59
Y	Close Sales Tax Loopholes	5	10	10	10
Z	Exempt from Sales Tax Solar Power Purchase Agreements	0	0	0	0
AA	Allow Petroleum Refunds for Farm Use	0	0	0	0
BB	Estate Tax Reform Technical Amendments	0	(3)	(6)	(10)
CC	Enhance Motor Fuel Enforcement	5	10	10	10
DD	Make Permanent Warrantless Wage Garnishment	15	15	15	15
MM	Extend VLG Capital Awards	0	0	0	0
NN	Pari-Mutuel Gaming Extension	0	0	0	0
OO	Expansion of Electronic Gaming Offerings	20	40	40	40
PP	Extend NYRA Board Term	0	0	0	0
QQ	NYC Corporate Reform	0	0	0	0
RR	Alternative Vehicle Refueling Property Credit	0	0	0	0
SS	NYC Circuit Breaker	0	(52)	(177)	(212)
TT	Education Expenses Credit	0	(110)	(182)	(182)
UU	QEZE Credit Allocation Amendment	0	0	0	0
VV	Boat Sales Tax Exemption	12	25	25	25
WW	Music Production Credit	0	(25)	(25)	(25)
XX	MTA Mobility Tax and Libraries	0	(2)	(2)	(2)
YY	Monticello Raceway	(3)	0	0	0
ZZ	Jockey Fund	0	0	0	0
AAA	Lower Manhattan & NYC Extensions	0	0	0	0
Total Fiscal Impact		\$54	(\$342)	(\$937)	(\$1,494)

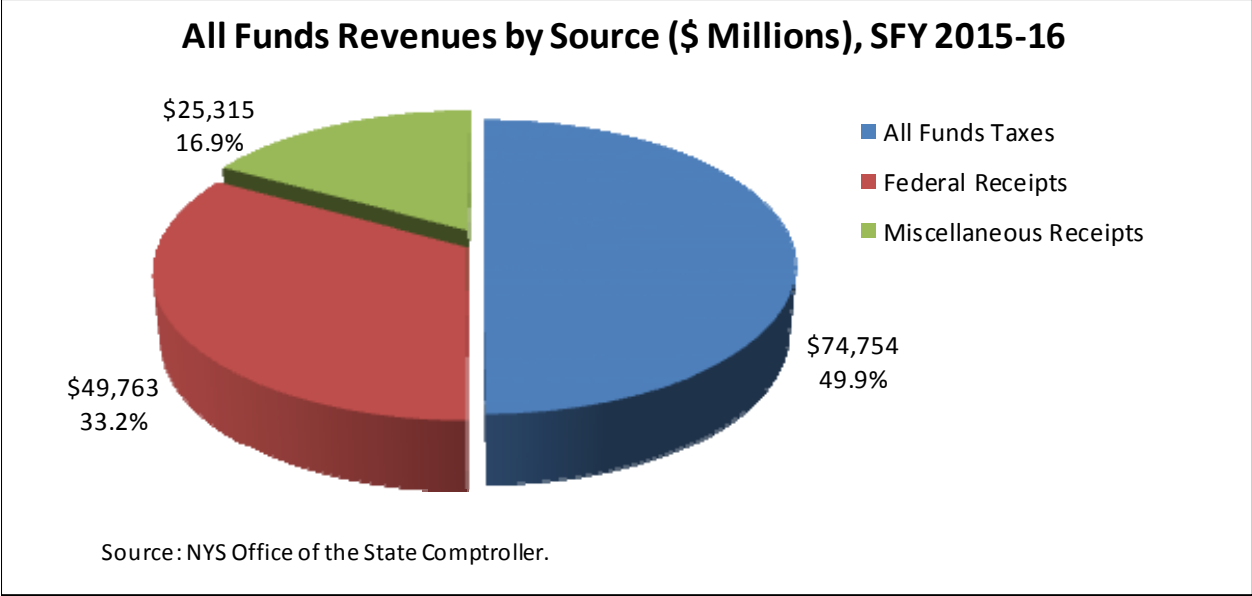


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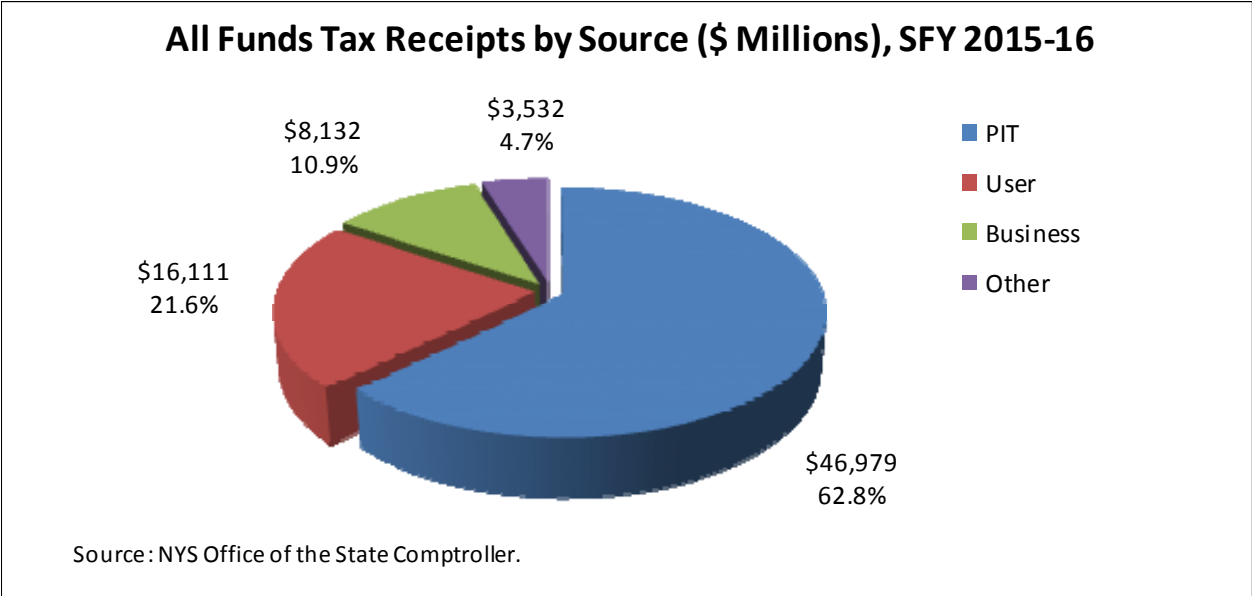


Figure 2

Capital and Debt

Capital Initiatives

The Assembly proposes a total of \$16.3 billion in capital obligations, an increase of \$1.6 billion over the Executive. The Assembly Capital Plan spending for SFY 2015-16 reflects an increase of \$7.7 billion, from SFY 2014-15.

The Assembly adds the following capital investments:

Empire State Development Corporation - \$307.5 million

- \$300 million for Regional Significant Infrastructure Program
- \$7.5 million for New York Health Food & Healthy Communities Fund (HFHC)

Department of Transportation - 85 million

- \$60 million for Capital for Severe Winter
- \$25 million for Upstate Transit Operating

Division of Housing and Community Renewal - \$200 million

- \$100 million for Community Restoration Fund
- \$100 million for NYCHA Capital administrated through DCHR

State University of New York - \$52 million

- \$20 million for Educational Opportunity Centers
- \$32 million for Critical Maintenance

Office of Mental Health - \$20 million

- \$20 million for IT support

Department of Environmental Conservation - \$1.2 billion

- \$250 million for NYS Water and Sewage Infrastructure Program
- \$900 million over ten years for Superfund

Miscellaneous - \$2 million

- \$2 million for Nassau County election equipment

Debt

The Assembly budget accepts the Executive's state-supported debt service estimate of \$5.5 billion. The State limits debt service costs to five percent of All Funds receipts; current estimates are \$3.3 billion below the State's debt service cap. In SFY 2015-16 State-supported debt outstanding will total \$55.04 billion, an increase of \$2.47 billion over SFY 2014-15.

Table 10

**One House Capital Obligations
Executive vs Assembly Capital Initiatives
SFY 2015-16
(\$ in Millions)**

	<u>Executive</u>	<u>Assembly</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROPRIATIONS		
<u>Empire State Development Corporation</u>		
Upstate Revitalization Initiative	1,500.0	1,500.0
Regional Economic Development Councils	150.0	-
NY Works Economic Deveopment Fund	45.0	-
Nano/GE Power Electronics	33.50	33.50
Clarkson-Trudeau Partnership	5.0	5.0
All Other Economic Development	52.223	52.223
<u>Department of Transportation</u>		
Other Downstate Transit	121.548	121.548
(DOT) Airports	10.0	5.0
DOT Bridge Program(1)	750.0	750.0
MTA Capital Contribution	750.0	750.0
Core Transportation & DMV Program	4,231.306	4,231.306
<u>Department of Health</u>		
Health & Mental Hygiene	339.972	339.972
Core Department of Health program	150.6	150.6
Health Care Facility Transformation	1,000.0	1,000.0
<u>Division of Housing and Community Renewal</u>		
(DHCR) Main Street Program	4.2	4.2
(DHCR) Access to Home	1.0	1.0
(DCHR) Public Housing Modernization--outside NYC	6.4	6.4
Affordable & Homeless Housing	143.1	143.1
<u>Higher Education</u>		
Capital Matching Grants	30.0	30.0
Community College Projects	164.254	164.254
NY SUNY & CUNY 2020 Grants	110.0	110.0
SUNY/ CUNY Systemwide Maintenance	322.0	354.0
Binghamton School of Pharmacy	50.0	50.0
<u>Department of Environmental Conservation</u>		
Core Parks & Historical Preservation	173.70	173.70
Hazardous Waste Remediation	100.0	100.0
Core DEC Program	452.90	462.90
<u>Social Welfare</u>		
Raise the Age	110.0	110.0
Non-profit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program	50.0	50.0
<u>State Facilities, IT & Public Protection</u>		
Harriman Campus Upgrades	152.0	152.0
Information Technology	146.70	146.70
Public Protection	100.70	100.70
<u>All Other Capital Appropriations</u>	<u>296.656</u>	<u>296.656</u>
Subtotal for Capital Appropriations Projects	11,552.8	11,394.8
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**One House Capital Obligations
Executive vs Assembly Capital Initiatives
SFY 2015-16
(\$ in Millions)
{continued}**

DEDICATED INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUND		
<u>Thruway Stabilization Program</u>	<u>1,285.0</u>	<u>1,285.0</u>
<u>Broadband Initiative</u>	<u>500.0</u>	<u>500.0</u>
<u>Hospitals</u>	<u>400.0</u>	<u>400.00</u>
<i>Hospitals Rural Health Care Capital - Reprogram</i>	400.0	374.50
<i>Community Health Facility Revolving Loan Fund</i>		10.0
<i>Restore Roswell Park Cancer Institute</i>	-	15.50
<u>Penn Station Access</u>	<u>250.0</u>	<u>250.0</u>
<u>Municipal Restructuring</u>	<u>150.0</u>	<u>150.0</u>
<i>Municipal Restructuring</i>	150.0	50.0
<i>Regional Bus Rapid Transit and Transportation Alternatives</i>	-	100.0
<u>Transit-Oriented Development</u>	<u>150.0</u>	<u>150.0</u>
<u>Resiliency, Mitigation, Security & Response</u>	<u>150.0</u>	<u>150.0</u>
<i>Police Equipment - Target Funding to specific areas</i>	60.0	53.0
<i>DEC Radio System Upgrads</i>	-	7.0
<i>Emergency Vehicle (Snowplows) - Reduce Allocation</i>	50.0	50.0
<i>National Guard in NYC Subways</i>	40.0	40.0
<u>Southern Tier/Hudson Valley Farm Initiative</u>	<u>50.0</u>	<u>50.0</u>
<u>Other Infrastructure Improvements</u>	<u>115.0</u>	<u>115.0</u>
<i>Port of Oswego</i>	40.0	40.0
<i>Port of Albany</i>	15.0	15.0
<i>Port of Ogdensburg</i>	10.0	10.0
<i>Statewide Infrastructure Improvements- NY State Fair</i>	50.0	50.0
Subtotal Capital Projects	3,050.0	3,050.00
OTHER NEW ASSEMBLY CAPITAL PROJECTS PROPOSALS		
<u>MISC</u>		
Nassau County Election Equipment		2.0
<u>Empire State Development Corporation</u>		
Regional Significant Infrastructure Program (including \$10m for libraries, \$10m for upstate transit, \$5m for county & local fair development programs)	-	300.0
New York Healthy Food & Healthy Communities und (HFHC)	-	7.5
<u>Department of Environmental Conservation</u>		
NYS Water and Sewage Infrastructure Program for Update SuperFund	-	250.0 900.0
<u>Department of Transportation</u>		
Capital for NYC Severe Winter (up to 45% to NYC)	-	60.0
Upstate Transit for Operating	-	25.0
<u>Divison of Housing and Community Renewal</u>		
Community Restoration Fund - Foreclosure/ Underwater	-	100.0
NYCHA Capital Administered through DHCR	-	100.0
<u>Office of Mental Health</u>		
IT support for managed care transition-OMH	-	20.0
<u>Higher Education</u>		
Educational Opportunity Centers (SUNY)	-	20.0
Critical Maintenance: Parity with SUNY (CUNY)	-	32.0
Subtotal for Assembly Capital Projects Proposals	-	1,816.5
<u>Total Capital Appropriations</u>	<u>14,603</u>	<u>16,261</u>

List of Proposed Modifications

**Assembly Budget Proposal
Budget Actions
State Fiscal Year 2015-16**

Agency	Purpose	Fund	Title	Amount
AGMKTS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Agribusiness Child Development	1,000,000
AGMKTS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Cornell University Rabies Program	200,000
AGMKTS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Cornell Veterinary Diagnostic Lab	500,000
AGMKTS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Farm Family Assistance (Farm Net)	100,000
AGMKTS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Farm Viability Institute	1,100,000
AGMKTS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Local Fairs	160,000
AGMKTS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Maple Producers Association	125,000
AGMKTS	Aid to Localities	GEN	NY Wine and Grape Foundation	250,000
AGMKTS	Aid to Localities	GEN	NYS Apple Growers Association	544,000
AGMKTS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Tractor Rollover Protection Program	100,000
CUNY	State Operations	AGY	CUNY Leads	500,000
CUNY	State Operations	AGY	Joseph Murphy Institute	1,000,000
CUNY	State Operations	AGY	Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge Program (SEEK)	3,514,000
CUNY	State Operations	GEN	Performance Improvement Plan	(12,000,000)
CUNY	Aid to Localities	GEN	Community College Base Aid increase \$50 per FTE	3,111,300
CUNY	Aid to Localities	GEN	College Discovery	168,700
CUNY	Aid to Localities	GEN	CUNY ASAP	2,500,000
CUNY	Aid to Localities	GEN	CUNY Child Care	902,000
CUNY	Aid to Localities	GEN	CUNY Mandatory Costs	8,888,700
CUNY	Aid to Localities	GEN	CUNY Summer Bridge	100,000
CUNY	Capital	GEN	CUNY Capital Increase	32,000,000
CVB	Aid to Localities	GEN	Rape Crisis Centers	900,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	GEN	ATI Programming	88,400
DCJS	Aid to Localities	GEN	ATI, Reentry, Treatment and Prevention Programs	2,033,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Domestic Violence Legal Services	609,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Immigrant Family Unity Project	200,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Immigrant Legal Services	600,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Legal Education Opportunity Program	200,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Museum of Tolerance NY - Tools for Tolerance	250,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	GEN	NYS Defender Association	1,000,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	SRF	Reduce Executive Byrne/JAG Allocation	(1,000,000)
DCJS	Aid to Localities	SRF	Restore Legislative Byrne/JAG Allocation	1,000,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	SRO	Additional Civil and Criminal Legal Services	1,470,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	SRO	LSAF - Prisoners' Legal Services	1,200,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	SRO	LSAF -Civil and Criminal Legal Services	2,830,000
DCJS	Aid to Localities	SRO	Eliminate Unallocated Civil Legal Services	(5,500,000)
DEC	State Operations	SRO	Oil Spill Fund	(500,000)
DEC	Aid to Localities	GEN	Pharmaceutical Take Back Program	150,000
DEC	Capital	CAP	Environmental Conservation Officers Radio System	7,000,000
DEC	Capital	GEN	Environmental Protection Fund	10,000,000
DED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Centers of Excellence	1,276,670
DED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Market NY	(5,000,000)
DFS	Aid to Localities	SRO	Restore Entertainment Worker Demonstration Program	250,000
DHCR	State Operations	SRO	Rent Administration Program	(8,000,000)
DHCR	State Operations	SRO	Tenant Protection Unit	8,000,000
DHCR	Aid to Localities	AGY	Community Development Financial Institution Fund (CDFI)	(10,000,000)
DHCR	Aid to Localities	AGY	Middle Income Housing Program	(50,000,000)
DHCR	Aid to Localities	AGY	Mitchell-Lama Repair and Revitalization	60,000,000
DHCR	Aid to Localities	GEN	Mortgage Insurance Fund Reestimate	(15,000,000)
DHCR	Aid to Localities	GEN	NYCHA Tenant Watch Program	742,000
DHCR	Capital	CPO	Mortgage Modification Initiatives	100,000,000
DHCR	Capital	CPO	NYCHA Capital Repairs - Additional Funding	100,000,000
DOCS	State Operations	GEN	Additional Medical Parole Savings	(1,000,000)
DOH	State Operations	GEN	Community Health Advocates	500,000
DOH	State Operations	GEN	Restore Resident Working Hour Audits	1,100,000
DOH	State Operations	GEN	Restore the Drug Discount Card	500,000
DOH	State Operations	GEN	Restore the State's Physician Profile Website	1,170,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	Family Planning Services	750,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	HIV/AIDS - Community Service Programs (CSP)	525,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	HIV/AIDS - Multi-Service Agencies (MSA)	525,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Medicaid Re-Estimate	(124,000,000)
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Mental Hygiene Stabilization Fund	100,000,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Reduce Unallocated Vital Access Provider Funding	(76,000,000)
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Reject CDRP Prior-Authorization Without DUR Board Meeting	100,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Reject Civil Service Exemption for Contract Staff	500,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Reject Minimum Supplemental Rebate Requirement	1,300,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Reject Retail Clinic Pilot Project	5,000,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Restore Certified Home Health Agency Funding	15,000,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Restore Clinic 340B Reimbursement	10,900,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Restore Cost Sharing Coverage for Medicare Part B Claims	12,450,000

Agency	Purpose	Fund	Title	Amount
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Restore Cost Sharing Coverage for Medicare Part C Claims	10,450,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Restore Hospital Obstetrical Assessment	(15,000,000)
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Restore Pharmacy Reimbursement for Average Wholesale Price Less 17 Percent	18,000,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Restore Prescriber Prevails in Fee-for-Service	4,100,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Restore Prescriber Prevails in Medicaid Managed Care	11,500,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	MA - Restore Spousal Refusal	10,700,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	Public Health Programs	1,698,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	Reject Public Health Program Consolidations and Restore 15 Percent Reduction	21,394,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	Restore EQUAL Program Funding	3,270,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	GEN	Spinal Cord Injury Research Program	1,500,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	SRF	MA - Federal Medicaid Matching Funds	(54,300,000)
DOH	Aid to Localities	SRO	MA - Restore Hospital Obstetrical Assessment	15,000,000
DOH	Aid to Localities	CAP	Restore Funding for Roswell Park Cancer Institute	15,500,000
DOL	Aid to Localities	GEN	Displaced Homemakers Program (DHP)	2,100,000
DOL	Aid to Localities	GEN	New York Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NYSCOSH)	350,000
DOL	Aid to Localities	GEN	Worker Institute at the Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations	800,000
DOS	Aid to Localities	GEN	New York Commission on Uniform State Laws	21,000
DOS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Intervenor funding for Consumer Advocates	1,000,000
DOS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate	500,000
DOS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Public Utility Law Project	505,000
DOT	Aid to Localities	GEN	Verrazano Narrows Bridge Rebate Program	5,000,000
DOT	Capital	CAP	Bus Rapid Transit and Transportation Alternatives	100,000,000
DOT	Capital	CAP	Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)	60,000,000
DOT	Capital	CAP	New York Works - Aviation	(5,000,000)
DOT	Capital	CAP	New York Works - Non-MTA transit	5,000,000
DOT	Capital	CAP	Upstate Transit operating assistance.	25,000,000
DOT	Capital	SRO	Reject sweep of MTA Dedicated Tax	20,000,000
ELECTIONS	State Operations	GEN	Maintain Newspaper Printing and Publication Requirement	342,000
GSC	State Operations	GEN	General State Charges Cash Reestimate	(20,000,000)
GSC	State Operations	GEN	SUNY Police Retirement Parity	2,420,000
HESC	Aid to Localities	ALL	Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) modification for disabled students	1,000,000
HSES	State Operations	GEN	Deny Expansion of the First Responder Course	(3,200,000)
JCPPSN	State Operations	GEN	Reduce Justice Center Operational Expenses	(5,500,000)
LOCAL	Aid to Localities	GEN	Video Lottery Terminal Machines Aid to Municipalities	2,085,250
LOCAL	Aid to Localities	GEN	Village of Mastic Beach	75,000
LOCAL	Aid to Localities	GEN	Village of Sagaponack	2,000
LOCAL	Aid to Localities	GEN	Village of South Blooming Groove	19,000
LOCAL	Aid to Localities	GEN	Village of Woodbury	27,000
MISC	Aid to Localities	GEN	Financial Outreach Program	250,000
MISC	Aid to Localities	GEN	Re-estimate of Get on Your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program	(4,000,000)
MISC	Aid to Localities	GEN	Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)	19,000,000
MISC	Capital	GEN	Debt Service Prepayment Reestimate	(100,000,000)
MTA	Capital	GEN	MTA Kingsbridge (4-line) Station Improvement Study.	1,000,000
NYSGC	State Operations	GEN	New York State Fan Racing Advisory Council	100,000
OASAS	State Operations	GEN	Problem Gambling Impact Study	1,000,000
OCFS	Aid to Localities	GEN	CASES	200,000
OCFS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Additional Child Care Slots	25,000,000
OCFS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Child Protective Caseload	757,200
OCFS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Close to Home Initiative Reestimate	(1,200,000)
OCFS	Aid to Localities	GEN	COLA-Foster Care Block Grant	4,425,000
OCFS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Community Reinvestment Program	1,750,000
OCFS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Runaway and Homeless Youth	3,005,000
OCFS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Safe Harbour	5,000,000
OCFS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Settlement Houses	450,000
OCFS	Aid to Localities	GEN	Youth Development Program	1,286,000
OFA	Aid to Localities	GEN	Foundation for Senior Citizens Home Sharing and Respite Program	86,000
OFA	Aid to Localities	GEN	Statewide Senior Action Council - Patients' Rights Hotline	31,500
OILS	State Operations	SRO	Additional Administrative Support for the Office of Indigent Legal Services	300,000
OILS	Aid to Localities	SRO	Additional Support for Upstate Caseload Relief	3,000,000
OITS	State Operations	GEN	High Skills Bonus Program	(2,000,000)
OITS	Capital	CPO	IT Initiative Program	(10,000,000)
OMH	State Operations	GEN	Mental Health Crisis Pilot Program	1,000,000
OMH	Aid to Localities	GEN	Re-estimate OMH Community Re-investment	(2,500,000)
OMH	Aid to Localities	GEN	Re-estimate OMH Supportive Housing Development Expenditures	(5,000,000)
OPWDD	State Operations	GEN	People First Act Implementation	200,000
OPWDD	Aid to Localities	GEN	Mental Hygiene Stabilization Fund	(100,000,000)
OPWDD	Aid to Localities	GEN	Re-estimate Community-Based Development Expenditures	(10,000,000)
OSC	State Operations	GEN	Restore Oil Spill Compensation Fund	513,000
OSC	State Operations	ISF	IT Personnel	8,175,500
OTDA	Aid to Localities	GEN	Disability Advocacy Program (DAP)	1,000,000
OTDA	Aid to Localities	GEN	Emergency Assistance to Needy Families (EAF)	15,000,000
OTDA	Aid to Localities	GEN	Homelessness Prevention Pilot Program	32,000,000
OTDA	Aid to Localities	GEN	Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)	1,000,000
OTDA	Aid to Localities	GEN	New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSH)	2,000,000

Agency	Purpose	Fund	Title	Amount
OTDA	Aid to Localities	GEN	Rochester Anti-Poverty Task Force	250,000
OTDA	Aid to Localities	GEN	Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP)	3,000,000
OTDA	Aid to Localities	GEN	TANF Contingency Fund	(24,000,000)
OTDA	Aid to Localities	GEN	TANF Eliminations	31,150,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	4201 Increase of 2.4%	2,308,800
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	853 and Special Act Rate Increase of 2.4%	17,651,291
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Additional General Support for Public Schools (GSPS)	593,735,120
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Adult Literacy Education	1,000,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Big 4 Health Services (Buffalo)	1,200,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Big 4 Health Services (Rochester)	1,200,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Bilingual Education	700,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP)	1,010,100
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Executive Leadership Institute	475,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Foster Youth College Success Initiative	1,050,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Funding for Failing Schools and Districts	(5,600,000)
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Henry Viscardi School (4201)	903,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP)	2,995,300
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Independent Living Centers	1,000,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Liberty Partnerships	1,548,400
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Library Aid	2,000,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Master Teacher Expansion	(2,500,000)
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Nonpublic School Aid	5,000,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Nonpublic Security Grants	1,000,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Prekindergarten Current Year Services	28,000,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Prekindergarten Expansion	28,000,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Prekindergarten for 3-year olds	(17,500,000)
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	QUALITYstarsNY	(2,100,000)
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Roosevelt School District	(4,200,000)
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	School District Teacher Residency Program	(2,100,000)
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP)	1,333,500
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Science Technology Engineering and Math Initiative	400,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	SUNY Summer Bridge Program	100,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Support for Pupils for English Language Learning Success (SPELLS)	7,000,000
SED	Aid to Localities	GEN	Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers	9,982,000
SUNY	State Operations	AGY	SUNY Mandatory Costs	11,123,000
SUNY	State Operations	GEN	ATTAIN Labs	2,000,000
SUNY	State Operations	GEN	Cornell Veterinary School	250,000
SUNY	State Operations	GEN	Educational Opportunity Centers	2,500,000
SUNY	State Operations	GEN	Educational Opportunity Program	4,029,900
SUNY	State Operations	GEN	Hospitals (Stony Brook, Upstate and Downstate)	18,600,000
SUNY	State Operations	GEN	Performance Improvement Plan	(18,000,000)
SUNY	Aid to Localities	GEN	Community College Base Aid increase \$50 per FTE	6,877,000
SUNY	Aid to Localities	GEN	Summer Bridge Program	100,000
SUNY	Aid to Localities	GEN	SUNY Child Care	1,098,000
UDC	Aid to Localities	GEN	Additional support for CDFIs	300,000
UDC	Aid to Localities	GEN	Additional support for MWBDLP	365,000
UDC	Aid to Localities	GEN	Empire State Economic Development Fund	(3,118,000)
UDC	Capital	CAP	New York Healthy Food and Healthy Communities Fund (HFHC)	7,500,000
UDC	Capital	CAP	NY Works Economic Development Fund	(6,750,000)
UDC	Capital	CAP	Regional Economic Development Councils	(7,500,000)
UDC	Capital	CAP	Regional Significant Infrastructure Program	40,000,000
VET	Aid to Localities	GEN	SAGE VETERANS' PROJECT	100,000
VET	Aid to Localities	GEN	Veterans Justice Project	100,000
WCB	Capital	Cap	Information Technology Program Reestimate	(2,500,000)

PUBLIC PROTECTION & GENERAL GOVERNMENT

By Agency

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$18.1 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Audit and Control**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$316.45 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to transfer the Environmental Protection and Oil Spill Compensation Fund Program to the Department of Environmental Conservation, and restores \$513,000 along with 10 Full Time Equivalent positions.**
- **The Assembly increases Internal Service Fund appropriations for the Chief Information Office and Executive Direction Programs by an aggregate \$8.17 million in order to more effectively manage centralized service operations.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Division of the Budget**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$50.18 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly rejects “Lean Certification Bonus Authority” language as proposed in the Executive Budget and rejects its placement in appropriations in any other state agency.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to repeal the requirement that the Division of the Budget report on appropriations in the ensuing fiscal year related to consulting services. Instead, the Assembly would provide that such reports cover the prior two State fiscal years as well as the ensuing fiscal year.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Civil Service**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$50.9 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$2.95 billion, a net decrease of \$1 million from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly reduces correctional facility expenditures by \$1 million, related to an expansion of medical parole for certain non-violent inmates.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts and expands the Executive proposal to allow DOCCS to make the final determination regarding the medical parole of certain non-violent inmates.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Commission of Correction**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$2.89 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Division of Criminal Justice Services**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$257.47 million, a net increase of \$5.78 million from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

Aid to Localities

- The Assembly restores \$2.03 million in General Fund support of various criminal justice programs, including re-entry initiatives, civil legal services, and other crime control and prevention programs.
- The Assembly restores \$1 million in support for the New York State Defenders Association.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate \$618,000 in support for the Drug Treatment Alternative-to-Prison (DTAP) program, and instead reprograms these funds to support Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) programs. The Assembly restores an additional \$266,000 for ATI programs, for a total of \$884,000.
- The Assembly restores \$609,000 for domestic violence related civil and criminal legal services programming.
- The Assembly restores \$600,000 in support for immigrant legal services.
- The Assembly provides \$200,000 for the Immigrant Family Unity Project, an increase of \$100,000 from last year's funding level.
- The Assembly provides \$250,000 in new funding to support police training through the Museum of Tolerance.
- The Assembly provides a new \$200,000 for the Legal Education Opportunity Program.
- The Assembly restores \$2.83 million in Legal Services Assistance Fund (LSAF) allocations for civil and criminal legal service grants and reprograms \$1.47 million in proposed LSAF funds to support additional civil or criminal legal services.

- **The Assembly restores \$1.2 million in LSAF support for Prisoners’ Legal Services.**
- **The Assembly provides \$1 million to restore a legislative allocation of Federal Edward Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants assistance.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly removes Article VII legislation proposed by the Executive to enact certain reforms to the criminal justice system and will hold hearings to provide legislators with the opportunity to hear from community leaders, law enforcement officials, legal experts and other stakeholders to ensure that these important issues are considered in an open forum and to facilitate the enactment of meaningful reforms.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to substitute “use immunity” for “transactional immunity.”**
- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend, for two years, certain criminal justice programs, to extend for one year provisions related to district attorney settlements.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
State Board of Elections**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$11.14 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly provides \$2 million for the acquisition of equipment for compliance with election law requirements in Nassau County.**

Article VII

The Assembly proposal provides legislation that would:

- **Require disclosure of intermediaries who deliver ten or more contributions to a candidate from other contributors.**
- **Enact new measures to better define the use of campaign contributions for “personal use” and provide that the State Board of Elections shall issue advisory opinions regarding such use.**
- **Require contributions in “housekeeping” accounts to be kept segregated, prohibits such monies to be used for political communications referencing a candidate, and limits transfers of such monies unless to the segregate account of another party or constituted committee for non-candidate expenditures.**
- **Expand the definition of independent expenditure to include any communication referencing a clearly identified candidate and made within 60 days before a general or special election or 30 days before a primary election.**

- Define “independent expenditure committee” and prohibits such committees from **making any contributions to any candidate, constituted or political committee, or political party.**
- Define “political action committee” and prohibits such committees from making any **independent expenditures or contributing to any independent expenditure committee.**
- **Close the “LLC loophole” by applying the \$5,000 annual contribution limit for corporations to limited liability companies.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of Employee Relations**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.81 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Executive Chamber and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$18.48 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Financial Services**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$425.59 million, an increase of \$250,000 from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly restores \$250,000 for the Continuation Assistance Demonstration Program for Entertainment Industry Employees.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal that would establish an assessment on all health insurers to support the Health Benefit Exchange, by adding language that prohibits the assessment from being passed on to consumers.**
- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal related to requiring tax clearance for physicians participating in the Excess Medical Malpractice Pool by rejecting the tax clearance provision and extending the Pool by one year.**
- **The Assembly adds language to extend the Entertainment Workers Demonstration Program for one year.**
- **The Assembly adds language to establish a commission that would study the process for adding new health insurance mandates to plans regulated by the State.**
- **The Assembly adds language to extend provisions which exempt medical malpractice insurers from risk-based capital reporting requirements and limits the circumstances where the superintendent of insurance can order a medical malpractice insurer to rehabilitation or liquidation.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of General Services (OGS)**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.27 billion, which is unchanged from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to transfer certain Division of State Police employees to OGS in order to work in the Business Services Center. Special authorization is required because these employees are covered under Executive Law rather than Civil Service Law.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to extend the authority of OGS to enter into construction contracts without a formal competitive bidding process after an emergency. The Assembly also rejects the Executive proposal to increase the threshold for such contracts from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to increase the authority of OGS to delegate the responsibility of executing small capital construction projects to other agencies by increasing the threshold for such projects from \$50,000 to \$150,000.**

Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$932.16 million, a net decrease of \$3.2 million from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly rejects the Executive’s proposal to provide \$3.2 million to expand citizens emergency preparedness course programming.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of Indigent Legal Services**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$90.2 million, a net increase of \$3.3 million from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly provides an additional \$300,000 to support the implementation of the Hurrell-Harring settlement agreement and to support the assumption of assigned counsel program oversight activities from the Office of Court Administration.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly provides an additional \$3 million to reduce public defense caseloads in upstate counties.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly adds a provision to transfer the authority for approval of assigned counsel plans from the Chief Administrator of the Courts to the Office of Indigent Legal Services.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of the Inspector General**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$6.89 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
New York Interest on Lawyer Account**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$46.84 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Law**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$226.06 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Division of Military and Naval Affairs**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$117.51 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.94 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Public Employee Relations Board**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$3.98 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Joint Commission on Public Ethics**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.38 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Judicial Commissions**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$5.55 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Division of State Police**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$709.21 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to transfer certain Division of State Police employees to OGS in order to work in the Business Services Center. Special authorization is required because these employees are covered under Executive Law rather than Civil Service Law.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Statewide Financial System**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$11.14 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of Information Technology Services**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$921.9 million, a \$12 million decrease from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly eliminates \$2 million to support one-time annual bonuses and training to eligible State employees who are certified in emerging high-demand technology skills or who possess the skills and experience necessary to receive certification training.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly provides \$75.7 million for Enterprise Initiatives, a decrease of \$10 million from the Executive proposal.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to allow term appointments to be made, without examination, for a maximum of 60 months to positions in ITS that require special expertise in information technology.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Division of Veterans' Affairs**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$17.731 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly provides \$100,000 to restore funding for the SAGE Veterans' Project, and \$100,000 to restore funding for the Veterans Justice Project.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of Victim Services**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$112.53 million, a net increase of \$900,000 from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to transfer appropriation authority for rape crisis center grants from the Department of Health to the Office of Victim Services, and provides a restoration of \$900,000 in support for those programs.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Workers' Compensation Board**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$247.24 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to repeal 12 small, rarely used fees.**

Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16 General State Charges

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$3.6 billion, reflecting a \$2.42 million increase over the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- The Assembly provides \$2.42 million to place State University of New York (SUNY) Police officers in the New York State and Local Police and Fireman Retirement System (NYSLPFRS).
- The Assembly provides a re-estimate of disbursements within General State Charges, for a savings of \$20 million.

Aid to Localities

- Not applicable.

Capital Projects

- Not applicable.

Article VII

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to increase the salaries of Management/Confidential (M/C) employees to remove language that would disqualify certain M/C employees who were previously union employees from receiving the raises. The Assembly also modifies the proposal by removing language that would authorize the Director of the Budget to withhold the raises.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive budget proposal to establish an amnesty period in the New York State Health Insurance Plan (NYSHIP) for employees who voluntarily identify ineligible dependents receiving coverage by limiting the authorization to establish an amnesty period to State Fiscal Year 2015-16 and only if a NYSHIP dependent eligibility audit is conducted.
- The Assembly adds a proposal that would allow SUNY police officers to transfer from the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System to the NYSLPFRS.

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Miscellaneous: Public Protection and General Government**

Local Governments

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$903.644 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly proposal restores a total \$123,000 in Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) for four new villages that were not included in the SFY 2015-16 Executive Budget for the Villages of Mastic Beach, Woodbury, South Blooming Grove, and Sagaponack.**
- **The Assembly provides \$29.2 million to VLT host facilities, \$9.7 million of which is allocated to eligible municipalities outside of Yonkers. This represents an overall increase of \$2.1 million from the Executive proposal.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly provides a \$50 million Capital Projects appropriation for the implementation of local government and school district shared services cooperation agreements, mergers, and other actions that permanently reduce operational costs and property tax burdens.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly proposes Legislation that would permanently allow four new villages to receive AIM.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal for the Aid to Municipalities with Video Lottery Gaming Facilities Program by restoring funding from 55 percent to 70 percent of SFY 2008-09 levels for eligible municipalities.**

- **The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal to require Industrial Development Agencies to seek prior approval from the New York State Department of Economic Development before granting an exemption from state taxes to new projects, or projects applying for additional benefits.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive's proposal to extend the period of probable usefulness for the purchase of transit motor vehicles by local governments from five years to ten years.**

EDUCATION, LABOR & FAMILY ASSISTANCE

By Agency

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Council on the Arts**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$46.88 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
City University of New York (CUNY)**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$3.97 billion.

State Operations

- **The Assembly provides \$23.3 million for the Search for Elevation Education and Knowledge (SEEK) opportunity program, an increase of \$5 million over the Executive.**
- **The Assembly provides \$8.88 million for increases in collectively bargained costs at CUNY.**
- **The Assembly provides \$500,000 for CUNY Leads, for total funding of \$1.5 million.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive's Performance Improvement Plan proposal and the associated \$12 million of funding for the program.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive's Back Office Consolidation Plan, which would have required SUNY and CUNY to create a plan to consolidate certain back office functions.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly provides \$3.1 million to increase base aid for CUNY Community Colleges by \$50 per full-time equivalent (FTE) student. Under the Assembly proposal, base aid would be funded at \$2,547 per FTE.**
- **The Assembly provides \$2.5 million to fund the Accelerated Study in Associates (ASAP) program.**
- **The Assembly provides a restoration of \$1 million for the Joseph Murphy Institute, for total funding of \$1.5 million.**
- **The Assembly provides \$100,000 for Summer Bridge programs at CUNY community colleges.**
- **The Assembly provides \$241,000 for the College Discovery Program, for total funding of \$1.12 million.**

- **The Assembly provides \$902,000 to CUNY Child Care Centers for total funding of \$1.7 million.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly provides an additional \$32 million in critical maintenance capital funding for CUNY, for a total of \$135 million.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to allow design-build and to tie regional council funds to CUNY capital funding appropriations. The Assembly also rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate discrete, campus based capital appropriations and restores individual campus-based capital appropriations.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate the State Education Department's program and curriculum review for SUNY, CUNY, and independent colleges.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to require that all students at SUNY and CUNY complete an experiential or applied learning activity as a requirement for graduation.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Education Department**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$58.32 billion.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

Office of Prekindergarten through Grade Twelve Education

- **The Assembly proposes an overall increase to General Support for Public Schools (GSPS) of \$1.8 billion over the 2014-15 School Year (SY). This is an increase in formula based aids of \$1.75 billion or 8.04 percent for the 2015-16 School Year, and an increase in unrestricted aids of \$1.46 billion or 9.11 percent. This reflects an investment of more than \$830 million over the Executive Budget proposal, and a removal of all contingent requirements for receiving a School Aid increase for the 2015-16 SY. Total GSPS would be \$23.95 billion under the Assembly proposal.**
 - **The Assembly rejects the Executive’s proposal to link School Aid increases to the passage of the Executive’s Education Opportunity Agenda Article VII provisions and the approval of new Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plans for individual districts.**
 - **The Assembly increases Foundation Aid by \$1 billion for the 2015-16 SY.**
 - **The Assembly provides \$456 million for restoration of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). Formula elements include district need, growth in enrollment, growth in enrollment of English language learners, concentrations of students with extraordinary needs, disproportionate budget impact of the GEA, and a minimum restoration for all districts.**
 - **The Assembly updates expense based aids to use current data, providing \$273 million in reimbursement to districts, at an additional cost of \$90 million over the Executive Budget.**

- The Assembly provides an additional \$10 million for increased Special Services Aid for Career and Technology Education Programs for non-component districts that do not benefit from BOCES programs.
- The Assembly increases the BOCES (Boards of Cooperative Educational Services) aidable salary cap from \$30,000 to \$34,000, generating an additional \$9.2 million.
- The Assembly also includes \$10 million in new funding for the Support for Pupils for English Language Learning Success (SPELLS) for school districts with growing enrollment of students who are English language learners.
- **Statewide Full Day Universal Prekindergarten:** The Assembly proposal provides an additional \$40 million in funding outside of the New York City region on a current year basis, and provides current year reimbursement for the 2015-16 school year for the \$40 million originally awarded to this region in 2014-15. The Assembly proposal also provides an additional \$40 million to support new prekindergarten programs in the New York City region for the 2015-16 school year.
- **In addition, the Assembly makes changes to Executive grant provisions including the following:**
 - The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposed \$8 million for the Takeover and Restructuring of Failing Schools, \$3 million for the School District Teacher Residency Program, \$3 million for QUALITYstarsNY, and \$25 million for prekindergarten for 3 year olds.
 - The Assembly rejects an additional \$5 million in Master Teacher awards, but proposes new language for awards from undistributed funds authorized in 2013-14. STEM teachers would continue to be eligible for these awards, but 20 percent of the awards would be allocated to high performing teachers in bilingual education, teachers certified in English as a Second Language, or teachers with dual certification in a content area and special education.
 - The Assembly also maintains Pathways in Technology and Early College High School (P-TECH) at \$3 million, but broadens the program to include Career and Technical Education (CTE) high schools.
- **The Assembly also includes the following:**
 - an additional \$5 million for Nonpublic School Aid over the Executive, directed to the Comprehensive Attendance Policy program, for a total increase in \$12.62 million over 2014-15. The total Nonpublic School Aid would be

\$171.4 million. The Assembly also includes an additional \$1 million for Nonpublic Safety Grants, for a total of \$5.5 million;

- **\$14.3 million to restore Teacher Resources and Computer Training Center funding;**
- **an additional \$1 million to increase Bilingual Education services for a total of \$14.5 million in 2015-16;**
- **a \$1.2 million restoration of funding for school health services for the Rochester City School District and \$1.2 million increase for the Buffalo City School District;**
- **\$475,000 to restore funding for the Executive Leadership Institute;**
- **\$1.5 million restoration for the Consortium for Worker Education (CWE), for a total of \$13 million;**
- **a 2.4 percent increase for both 853 Schools and Special Act Districts;**
- **a 2.4 percent increase for 4201 Schools for the Blind and Deaf;**
- **\$903,000 to preserve current staffing levels at the Henry Viscardi School; and**
- **a reduction of the academic improvement grant to the Roosevelt School District by \$6 million, for a remaining total of \$6 million.**

Other Aid to Localities

The Assembly proposal provides:

- **\$1 million to restore Adult Literacy Education funding, for a total of \$6.29 million.**
- **\$1 million increase for Independent Living Centers for a total of \$13.4 million.**
- **\$2 million increase for Library Aid for a total of \$88.6 million.**

Office of Higher Education and the Professions

- **The Assembly provides \$2.2 million for Liberty Partnerships, for a total of \$15.96 million in funding.**
- **The Assembly provides \$4.27 million for the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), for total funding of \$30.89 million.**

- The Assembly provides \$1.9 million for the Science Technology and Entry Program (STEP), for total funding of \$13.79 million.
- The Assembly provides \$1.4 million for the Collegiate Science Technology and Entry Program (CSTEP), for total funding of \$10.4 million.
- The Assembly provides \$1.5 to establish a new Foster Youth Initiative program.
- The Assembly provides \$400,000 to create a new STEM Initiative program.

Capital Projects

- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.
- The Assembly proposes \$10 million in capital funding under the Regional Significant Infrastructure Program.

Article VII

- The Assembly rejects the Executive's Education Opportunity Agenda, which includes provisions related to teacher tenure, teacher removal, graduate level teaching programs, teacher certification, takeover of failing schools, APPR, charter schools and links school aid increases for the 2015-16 SY to the passage of these provisions.
- The Assembly modifies the provision to extend Mayoral Control of schools in New York City until June 30, 2022.
- The Assembly makes various changes to the Statewide Full Day Universal Prekindergarten, including allowing SED to continue administering the program past 2016, allowing SED to be the sole entity to make awards, providing funding protections for programs that do not operate for 180 days due to inclement weather and accelerating the payment schedule.
- The Assembly proposes modifications to the Smart Schools Bond Act to require the Smart Schools Review Board to consider timely awards to schools districts, and to take into account school district budgeting needs and tax levy impact when developing and implementing guidance.
- The Assembly accepts a four year phase-in of regional rates for 4410 Special Education Itinerant Teachers (SEIT) with a modification to provide that these changes take effect in the 2016-17 SY.

- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to allow any school district to apply for waivers from certain special education requirements.**
- **The Assembly proposes to discontinue the Contract for Excellence program for the 2015-16 SY and thereafter.**
- **The Assembly proposes restoring a carve-out of the Employment Preparation Education (EPE) appropriation to support education for high school diploma holders who lack skills necessary for employment. The Assembly also restores a \$1.5 million setaside within the EPE program for the Consortium for Worker Education, for a total of \$13 million.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive’s proposal to allow public accountancy firms to have minority ownership of up to 49 percent by individuals who are not licensed as certified public accountants or public accountants.**
- **The Assembly continues school district authorization to transfer excess Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve funds for use by the school district.**
- **The Assembly authorizes the Johnson City School District to repay building aid overpayments over a six year period.**
- **The Assembly authorizes the Amsterdam City School District to repay a building aid penalty over five years.**
- **The Assembly authorizes the Tonawanda School District to repay a building aid penalty over five years.**
- **The Assembly proposes establishing a special equalization rate for the Greenburgh Central School District within the Town of Greenburgh.**
- **The Assembly proposal would allow the Ballston Spa Central School District to establish a Semiconductor Manufacturing Tax Stabilization reserve fund.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate the State Education Department’s program and curriculum review for SUNY, CUNY, and independent colleges.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.044 billion, reflecting an increase of \$49 million over the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly includes \$25 million to fund over 3,000 new child care slots.**
- **The Assembly modifies the Executive’s proposal to fund the human services cost of living adjustment (COLA) through the Foster Care Block Grant and provides \$4.4 million within OCFS to cover a 50 percent restoration.**
- **The Assembly restores \$1.29 million in funding for the Youth Development Program.**
- **The Assembly provides \$5.36 million for Runaway and Homeless Youth, an increase of \$3 million over the Executive.**
- **The Assembly provides \$5 million for Safe Harbour, which was eliminated in the Executive proposal.**
- **The Assembly provides \$3.16 million in additional restorations including the following programs that were eliminated by the Executive:**
 - **Community Reinvestment - \$1,750,000;**
 - **Child Protective Caseload - \$757,200;**
 - **Settlement Houses - \$450,000; and**
 - **CASES - \$200,000.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

The Assembly would:

- **Accept the Executive proposal to no longer require OCFS to make adoption assistance payments when the adoptive parent applies for assistance out of state;**
- **Modify the Executive proposal to establish a successor kinship guardian to clarify that the child will remain eligible and the local district must inform the relative guardian of the right to name a successor guardian; and,**
- **Modify the Executive proposal to raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction to:**
 - **restore provisions to allow and increase the standards for placing PINS in foster care and enhance services for juvenile delinquents and PINS;**
 - **originate proceedings against most youth under the age of eighteen in Family Court, maintain limited JO crimes in adult court, allow for waiver up of 13-15 year old JOs;**
 - **include youths charged with misdemeanor and felony vehicle and traffic offenses with the non-juvenile offenses processed in family court; and,**
 - **narrow the list of juvenile offenses for 16 and 17 year olds to the current list of felonies as well as other class A felonies.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$5.52 billion, an increase of \$78 million over the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly provides \$31.2 million in TANF funding to restore and increase support for the following legislative initiatives that were eliminated by the Executive Budget:**
 - **Access Welfare to Careers - \$800,000;**
 - **Advantage Schools - \$1 million;**
 - **ATTAIN - \$5 million;**
 - **BRIDGE - \$102,000;**
 - **Career Pathways - \$2 million;**
 - **Caretaker Relative/Kinship - \$1 million;**
 - **Centro of Oneida - \$25,000;**
 - **Community Solutions to Transportation - \$112,000;**
 - **Educational Resources - \$250,000;**
 - **Emergency Homeless Needs - \$1.1 million;**
 - **Facilitated Enrollment - \$10.75 million;**
 - **Fatherhood Initiative - \$200,000;**
 - **Non-Residential Domestic Violence - \$3 million;**
 - **Preventive Services - \$1.63 million;**
 - **Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority - \$82,000;**
 - **Settlement Houses - \$2 million;**
 - **SUNY/CUNY Child Care - \$1 million;**
 - **Wage Subsidy Program - \$950,000; and**
 - **Wheels for Work - \$144,000.**
- **The Assembly provides an additional \$1 million for the Disability Advocacy Program.**
- **The Assembly provides an additional \$1 million for Nurse-Family Partnership.**

- The Assembly provides \$32 million within public assistance appropriations for the first year of a Homelessness Prevention Pilot program for New York City. When fully implemented in SFY 2016-17, there would be costs to public assistance of \$102 million.
- The Assembly provides \$2 million for the New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP).
- The Assembly provides \$3 million for the Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP).
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to establish a ten percent local share of Emergency Assistance to Needy Families (EAF) benefits for the City of New York, and restores \$15 million.

Capital Projects

- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

Article VII

- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to allow for the Federal cost of living adjustment in 2016 for individuals receiving SSI who reside in residential care, family care or enhanced residential care settings.
- The Assembly proposes Article VII language that would require a commissioner of a social services district that is unable to provide a child care subsidy to all eligible working families under 200 percent of the poverty level to offer a 12 month work exemption to households receiving temporary assistance which include an infant under the age of one.
- The Assembly proposes Article VII language that would require local social services districts to confirm that the recipient is not exempt from the mandatory work requirement, and that the recipient had appropriate child care, transportation, and disability accommodations prior to imposing a sanction on a PA recipient for failure to comply with work rules. Instead of requiring recipients to stay disengaged and receive reduced benefits, this proposal would also allow PA recipients to re-engage in work activities as soon as they rectify the issues that caused the non-compliance.
- The Assembly proposes Article VII language that would require local social services districts to allow homework completed in post-secondary education for the purposes of

education and training activities to count toward work participation requirements for public assistance recipients.

- **The Assembly proposes Article VII language that would create a Homelessness Prevention Pilot program for New York City. This pilot program would provide for rental assistance for survivors of domestic violence, seniors, and single adults; an expansion of the Family Eviction Prevention Supplement; and homelessness prevention assistance.**
- **The Assembly proposes Article VII language to require New York City to provide quarterly reports on the backlog of fair hearings and to only be subject to the existing chargeback penalty if the backlog increases.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
New York Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.13 billion.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and makes no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly advances its own DREAM Act proposal, which includes the DREAM Fund Commission as well as other technical changes. The Assembly rejects an Executive proposal to tie the DREAM Act to the education tax credit and the entire TAP appropriation.**
- **The Assembly proposes to increase the maximum Tuition Assistance Program award by \$150 per full-time equivalent (FTE) to \$5,315, at a cost of \$27 million.**
- **The Assembly provides \$1.43 million to allow disabled students to have greater access to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).**
- **The Assembly provides \$250,000 for a new Financial Aid Outreach program, which would inform parents, students and guidance counselors about existing financial assistance programs.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly modifies the New York State Master-In-Education Teacher Incentive Scholarship program to allow teachers who work in state-run facilities such as prisons, Office of Mental Health facilities and Office of Children and Family Services facilities, to qualify for the scholarship.**

- **The Assembly modifies the Get on Your Feet Loan Forgiveness Program to allow students who enroll in a graduate program immediately after college to apply for loan forgiveness after the completion of their graduate program and to clarify that if a student loan is deferred, the student's loan forgiveness should also be deferred.**
- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to standardize financial aid letters by including tuition, fees, books, and transportation in the cost of attendance, and requiring that a glossary of terms be included as part of the letter.**
- **The Assembly includes legislation to conform 529 College Savings Plan rules to federal requirements.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Division of Housing and Community Renewal**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$911.6 million, an increase of \$200.7 million over the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- The Assembly identifies \$8 million for the Tenant Protection Unit through a single, discrete appropriation.

Aid to Localities

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to appropriate \$439.6 million through the JP Morgan Settlement accordingly:
 - a \$50 million allocation for the Middle Income Housing Program is eliminated;
 - \$110 million is provided for Mitchell Lama Repair and Revitalization, a \$60 million increase over the Executive;
 - \$5 million is provided for the Community Development Financial Institution Fund, a \$10 million decrease from the Executive; and
 - language for NY/NY IV is modified to make clear that there shall be no local government share for the operating costs for individuals with serious mental illness.
- The Assembly restores \$742,000 for the NYCHA Tenant Watch program.

Capital Projects

- The Assembly provides \$100 million for a mortgage modification program.
- The Assembly provides an additional \$100 million for NYCHA Capital Repairs, for total funding of \$125 million.

Article VII

- **The Assembly provides language for NYCHA Capital Repair funding, which requires NYCHA to submit a plan regarding how the funding will be disbursed. The plan will also be publicly available and submitted to the Executive and Legislature.**
- **The Assembly provides language for two mortgage modification programs. One would offer low-interest loans, to homeowners who hold a mortgage with a high interest rate and have a negative equity position in their mortgage. The other program would also offer low-interest loans, to homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure, in foreclosure, or unemployed. The legislation for both programs would provide tax relief related to closing costs and other costs incurred by a homeowner when refinancing a mortgage.**
- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to utilize excess Mortgage Insurance Fund (MIF) reserves. Specifically, the Assembly:**
 - **provides an additional \$15 million for homeless housing programs;**
 - **provides \$10 million for the Rural and Urban Community Investment Fund, a \$7 million decrease from the Executive proposal;**
 - **provides \$5 million for Urban Initiatives;**
 - **provides \$2 million for the Rural Area Revitalization Program; and**
 - **modifies NPP/RPP language to include a carve-out for housing coalitions.**
- **The Assembly proposes Article VII language to provide for an evaluation of supportive housing needs across the State.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Division of Human Rights**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$18.01 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16 Department of Labor

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.1 billion, an increase of \$3.25 million over the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$2.1 million in support for the Displaced Homemaker Services program, which was eliminated by the Executive.
- The Assembly restores \$350,000 in funding for the New York Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH).
- The Assembly provides \$800,000 in funding for the Worker Institute at the Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR).

Capital Projects

- Not applicable.

Article VII

- The Assembly budget proposal would increase the State minimum wage to \$10.50 effective December 31, 2016 with an increase up to \$12.60 by December 31, 2018. The proposal would also establish a New York City minimum wage of \$12.50 effective December 31, 2016 that would increase up to \$15.00 by December 31, 2018. In addition, the Assembly proposal increases the State tipped wage to \$7.50 effective December 31, 2016 with an increase up to \$9.00 by December 31, 2018 as well as establish a New York City tipped wage of \$9.50 on December 31, 2016 that would increase to \$11.40 by December 31, 2018. All wages would be indexed to inflation in 2019.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive's proposal to provide healthcare professionals **who wish to volunteer overseas to fight Ebola with a leave of absence from work without retaliation by removing the sunset, thus making permanent the worker protections** provided under the Executive's proposal.
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to repeal 30 small, rarely used fees.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
State of New York Mortgage Agency**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$176.97 million, which is unchanged from the Executive Proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16 State University of New York (SUNY)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$9.75 billion.

State Operations

- The Assembly restores \$18.6 million in additional support for SUNY Hospitals, for total funding of \$87.9 million.
- The Assembly provides \$2 million to ATTAIN Labs, for total funding of \$4.0 million.
- The Assembly provides \$5.75 million in additional support for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), for total funding of \$26.8 million.
- The Assembly provides \$2.5 million in additional support for Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC's), for total funding of \$53.5 million.
- The Assembly restores \$250,000 to Cornell Veterinary School, for total funding of \$500,000.
- The Assembly provides \$11.1 million to support increases in collectively bargained costs at SUNY.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive Performance Improvement Plan requirement and eliminates the associated \$18 million in funding.
- The Assembly rejects a proposed back office consolidation plan, which would have required SUNY and CUNY to create a plan to consolidate functions.

Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$6.88 million to increase base aid for SUNY Community Colleges by \$50 per full-time equivalent (FTE). Under the Assembly proposal, base aid would be funded at \$2,547 per FTE.
- The Assembly provides an increase of \$1.1 million in support for SUNY Child Care centers, providing \$2.1 million in total funding.

- **The Assembly provides \$100,000 for Summer Bridge Programs at SUNY community colleges.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to create nine regional planning councils for the 29 Community Colleges within the economic development regions outside of New York City.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly provides \$20 million in capital funding for Educational Opportunity Centers.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to tie SUNY Capital appropriations to regional council funding. The Assembly also rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate discrete, campus based capital appropriations and restores individual campus-based capital appropriations.**
- **The Assembly shifts a reappropriation for the expansion of the Binghamton campus from Upstate Medical Center to SUNY Binghamton.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to standardize financial aid letters by including tuition, fees, books, and transportation in the cost of attendance, and requiring that a glossary of terms be included as part of the letter.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate the State Education Department's program and curriculum review for SUNY, CUNY, and independent colleges.**
- **The Assembly omits the Executive's proposal to establish sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking prevention and response policies and procedures, recognizing that significant concerns have been raised that warrant further consideration.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal to require that all students at SUNY and CUNY complete an experiential or applied learning activity as a requirement for graduation.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of Welfare Inspector General**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.16 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Miscellaneous: Education, Labor & Family Assistance**

Pay for Success

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$69 million.

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Non-Profit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$50 million.

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly proposes to establish a Non-Profit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program Grant Board. The Board would approve submitted applications from human services organizations for the Non-Profit Infrastructure Capital Investment Grant.**

Raise the Age

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$25 million.

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction to:
 - restore provisions to allow and increase the standards for placing PINS in foster care and enhance services for juvenile delinquents and PINS;
 - originate proceedings against most youth under the age of eighteen in Family Court, maintain limited JO crimes in adult court, allow for waiver up of 13-15 year old JOs;
 - include youths charged with misdemeanor and felony vehicle and traffic offenses with the non-juvenile offenses processed in family court; and
 - narrow the list of juvenile offenses for 16 and 17 year olds to the current list of felonies as well as other class A felonies.

HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE

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**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office for the Aging**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$253.96 million, an increase of \$117,500 from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly restores \$86,000 for the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens Home Sharing and Respite Care program, and \$31,500 for the New York Statewide Senior Action Council, Inc. for the patients' rights hotline and advocacy project.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to study the establishment of an Office of Community Living, to clarify the areas of study and to establish a process for stakeholder engagement.**
- **The Assembly includes language to modify the Enriched Social Adult Day program and to make the program permanent.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.76 million, unchanged from SFY 2014-15.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16 Department of Health

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$134.90 billion, an increase of \$457.7 million from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to discontinue the physician profile website, restoring \$1.2 million.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate working audits for graduate medical students, restoring \$1.1 million.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to discontinue the prescription drug discount card, restoring \$500,000.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to waive civil serve rules for certain Office of Health Insurance Program contracted staff, restoring \$500,000.
- The Assembly provides an additional \$500,000 for the Community Health Advocates (CHA) program.

Aid to Localities

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate spousal refusal, restoring \$10.7 million.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to rebase Certified Home Health Agency rates, restoring \$15 million.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate prescriber prevails for fee-for-service Medicaid drugs, restoring \$4.1 million.
- The Assembly restores full prescriber prevails for all drugs in Medicaid Managed Care, providing \$11.5 million.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to require prior authorization for drugs meeting CDRP criteria prior to the Drug Utilization Review Board's recommendation, restoring \$100,000.

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to establish minimum supplemental rebate for fee-for-service drugs, restoring \$1.3 million.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to reduce pharmacy reimbursement from Average Wholesale Price (AWP) less 17 percent to AWP less 24 percent and rejects the Executive proposal to increase the dispensing fee on brand name drugs, restoring \$18 million.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to implement 340B pricing in Medicaid Managed Care, restoring \$10.9 million.
- The Assembly provides a fifty percent restoration of Medicaid cost-sharing support for Medicare Part B and Part C claims, restoring \$22.9 million.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to establish retail clinics, restoring \$5 million.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to study to assess the mobility and transportation needs of the disabled and other special needs populations and repurposes the \$750,000 to support upstate transportation services.
- The Assembly includes \$215 million in alternative Medicaid savings proposals to offset the Medicaid restorations noted above, including:
 - \$76 million by reducing unallocated Vital Access Provider Funding, which would reduce total State share VAP funding from \$471 million to \$395 million;
 - \$15 million by rejecting the Executive proposal to reduce the assessment on obstetrical care services which funds the Medical Indemnity Fund; and
 - \$124 million through a re-estimate of Medicaid expenditures.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to restructure 39 public health programs into five grant pools, and provides a full restoration of prior year funding levels (\$21.4 million) and includes discrete appropriations for each program.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to reduce Roswell Park Cancer Institute funding, restoring \$15.5 million in capital funding.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to discontinue the EQUAL program, restoring \$3.3 million and making programmatic changes to improve quality.

- The Assembly provides an additional \$1.5 million for the Spinal Cord Injury Research Program to bring total funding to \$8.5 million.
- The Assembly restores \$750,000 for family planning services.
- The Assembly restores \$1.1 million for HIV/AIDS community based providers.
- The Assembly restores various Assembly items that were eliminated by the Executive, restoring \$1.7 million.

Capital Projects

- The Assembly budget includes \$700 million in capital funding to help restructure the Brooklyn health care system, and requires a public engagement process to solicit input from the community, including health care consumers, prior to the awarding of any funds.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal related to Oneida County to ensure any new services are located near the population center of the County.
- The Assembly allocates \$10 million in Special Infrastructure Account funding to support the establishment of a community health facility revolving loan fund.

Article VII

- The Assembly accepts the Executive to modify the Upper Payment Limit (UPL) distribution to New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation hospitals.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to eliminate notice periods for hospital inpatient and diagnostic and treatment center rates.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to authorize the distribution of grants to establish coordination between health homes and individuals in the criminal justice system.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to authorize a grant increase for transitioning children in foster care to managed care and developing reimbursement rates for this population.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to authorize the Commissioner of Health to establish rates of payment for the Basic Health Plan (BHP) program.

- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to add certain populations to BHP eligibility criteria.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to align Medicaid managed care and fee-for-service payments for professional services provided through State University of New York clinical practice management plans.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to provide an accreditation and regulation for urgent care centers and repeal public health law provisions to eliminate upgraded diagnostic and treatment centers.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to include office-based anesthesia in office-based surgery requirements as well as standardize and limit the procedures permitted in such settings.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to require localities that fluoridate their water to provide notice to the public and the Department of Health (DOH) before discontinuing such fluoridation.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to establish a general hospital quality pool and adds reporting requirements.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to authorize enhanced payments or reimbursements of up to \$12 million to sole community hospitals and adds reporting requirements.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive Increase to the Vital Access Provider (VAP) carve out for Critical Access hospitals from \$5 million to \$7.5 million, and allots \$10 million in VAP for providers serving rural areas and isolated geographic regions, to add reporting requirements.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to allow the public health and health planning council (PHHPC) to review the procedures performed in outpatient settings and make recommendations for changes to make it mandatory.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to permanently codify the Medicaid global spending cap to extend the cap for an additional year.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to align payments from managed care providers to providers for ambulatory behavioral health services provided to Child Health Plus enrollees with Medicaid ambulatory patient group payments, to align implementation dates with current Medicaid youth APG rates.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend for three years the general hospital indigent care pool by removing unnecessary discretion in adjusting distributions and adds reporting requirements.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to establish enhanced home health aides.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to reinvest savings from the Community First Choice Option to identify the types of services that would be funded and to implement reporting requirements.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to strengthen provisions related to HIV/AIDS risk reduction.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to establish an energy efficiency and/or disaster preparedness demonstration program for nursing homes to study the issues.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to carve out family planning services from certain reimbursement methodologies to leverage federal financial participation.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to limit state and local Medicaid liability for temporary emergency medical care, services, and supplies prior to an eligibility determination, and provides and clarifies the eligibility criteria for such services.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to authorize up to five business corporations to participate in a private equity demonstration program.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to authorize value based payments in Medicaid.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to modify Medicaid co-pays.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to establish limited service clinics.
- The Assembly adds language to ensure adequate Medicaid rates to support the home care workforce.
- The Assembly adds language to require full PHHPC review of certain hospital sponsored offsite emergency departments that want to downgrade from full to part time service.
- The Assembly adds language to provide for a phased in transition of school based health centers into managed care.

- **The Assembly adds language to establish an independent ombudsman for Medicaid managed care.**
- **The Assembly adds language to establish community advisory boards with the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program.**
- **The Assembly adds language to establish a process of reviewing benefits within the Medicaid program.**
- **The Assembly adds language to support a regional graduate medical education financing demonstration program.**
- **The Assembly adds language to provide presumptive Medicaid eligibility for individuals within 60 days of release from prisons and local jails.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of the Medicaid Inspector General**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$55.0 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Mental Hygiene**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$600 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$597.50 million, an increase of \$1 million over the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly provides \$1 million to support services and expenses related to a statewide evaluation regarding the extent of legal and illegal gambling.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly includes language to require OASAS to create education materials and develop a program for individuals who voluntarily self-exclude themselves from a gaming facility due a potential gambling addiction.**
- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to establish Ambulatory Patient Group reimbursement rates for clinics under the Child Health Plus program, to extend these rates until December 31, 2017 to match the Medicaid behavioral health transition schedule.**
- **The Assembly includes language that requires the Commissioner to conduct a statewide evaluation regarding the extent of legal and illegal gambling.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of Mental Health**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$3.94 billion, a net increase of \$21 million over the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly provides \$1 million toward the development of mental health crisis intervention demonstration programs.**
- **The Assembly modifies appropriation language to limit the number of beds that can be reduced, to clarify that no facilities will be closed, and to clarify that any significant service reduction must adhere to the statutory twelve month notice requirements.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**
- **The Assembly would amend language for the NY/NY IV program to make clear that there shall be no local government share for the operating cost of the program related to individuals with serious mental illness.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly provides \$20 million to support information technology and other infrastructure costs for not-for-profit agencies related to the transition of behavioral health services into Medicaid Managed Care.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to extend, for one year, the authority of OMH to recover excess income from community residences and family based services.**
- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend the authorization for OMH to provide educational services to children residing in OMH hospitals by extending the existing program and requiring a report to be provided to the Executive and Legislature.**

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to extend, for three years, the ability for OMH facility directors who act as representative payees to continue using an individual's funds for their care and treatment as outlined in federal regulations.**
- **The Assembly adds language that amends Mental Hygiene Law to establish crisis intervention training demonstration programs and authorize Inpatient Diversion Programs to examine individuals who require emergency evaluation to determine level of care needs.**
- **The Assembly adds language to provide presumptive Medicaid eligibility for individuals within 60 days of release from prisons and local jails.**
- **The Assembly adds language to provide for an evaluation of supportive housing needs across the State.**

Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16 Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.39 billion, an increase of \$200,000 over the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- The Assembly provides \$200,000 to support the “People First Act” for individuals with developmental disabilities, which would require the Commissioner of OPWDD to conduct a geographic analysis of current community supports and services in order to identify regional service gaps.

Aid to Localities

- The Assembly allocates \$5 million in proposed investments to support the development of new service opportunities for individuals with disabilities that are living with aging parents.
- The Assembly rejects appropriation language that would waive competitive bid requirements related to the balancing incentive payment program.

Capital Projects

- The Assembly rejects appropriation language that would allow capital funding to be allocated without a competitive bid process.

Article VII

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal related to OPWDD’s oversight responsibilities to clarify that OPWDD’s oversight responsibilities are not expanding.
- The Assembly adds language to establish the OPWDD transformation workgroup to develop a plan to support the transition of OPWDD services into community-based services in the most integrated settings.

- **The Assembly adds language that requires the Commissioner of OPWDD conduct a geographic analysis of supports and services in community settings in order to identify regional services gaps.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to extend, for three years, the ability for OPWDD facility directors who act as representative payees, to continue using an individual's funds for their care and treatment as outlined in federal regulations.**
- **The Assembly adds language to ensure the proper transition of individuals from institutions placements into the community.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$49.04 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly reduces Justice Center operational expenses by \$5.5 million.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

By Agency

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Adirondack Park Agency**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$5.263 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Agriculture and Markets**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$168.448 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly Budget provides restorations to the following programs, totaling \$4,079,000:**
 - **NY Farm Viability Institute** **\$1,100,000**
 - **Agribusiness Child Development Program** **\$1,000,000**
 - **NYS Apple Growers Association** **\$544,000**
 - **Cornell Veterinary “Core” Diagnostic Lab** **\$500,000**
 - **NY Wine and Grape Foundation** **\$250,000**
 - **Cornell University Rabies Program** **\$200,000**
 - **Local Fairs** **\$160,000**
 - **Maple Producers Association** **\$125,000**
 - **Tractor Rollover Protection Program** **\$100,000**
 - **Farm Family Assistance (Farm Net)** **\$100,000**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Economic Development**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$76.35 million, representing a net decrease of \$3.72 million from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly rejects a \$5 million appropriation for Market NY.**
- **The Assembly provides \$1.28 million of additional support for the Centers of Excellence, thereby allocating a total of \$10 million for this purpose.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts Article VII legislation that would extend the authorization for the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises program to December 31, 2017, but rejects the extension of the due date of the MWBE Disparity Study to February 15, 2017.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
NYS Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA)**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$12.5 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to transfer \$913,000 from NYSERDA to the General Fund for the purposes of debt service related to the West Valley Demonstration Project.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to move formerly appropriated NYSERDA programs off-budget but recommends reporting requirements on proposed and actual spending for these NYSERDA programs.**
- **The Assembly Budget directs NYSERDA to administer a program to award grants to assist New York City multi-family structure owners in replacing heating systems with cleaner technologies, including number two heating oil, natural gas, and steam.**
- **The Assembly directs NYSERDA to develop standards to encourage and increase participation of low-to-moderate income households to participate in the Green Jobs-Green New York program and to continue funding customers who were eligible for such program prior to January 1, 2015.**

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Sweep

- **The Assembly rejects** the Executive's proposed \$36 million sweep of **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds**.

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.047 billion.

State Operations

- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to increase fees associated with the oil spill fund, but rejects the transfer of the fund from the Office of the State Comptroller to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and shifts \$513,000 to Audit and Control for this purpose. In addition the Assembly would allow \$2.1 million of funding to be used for prevention and training activities and sets up a separate account for this purpose.
- The Assembly includes \$150,000 for a drug take-back program for certain institutions.

Aid to Localities

- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

Capital Projects

- The Assembly provides a new \$250 million appropriation to fund local water and sewer projects.
- The Assembly proposes a \$10 million increase in the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) over the Executive proposal for a total of \$182 million. The following programs would be increased over the Executive proposal by the following amounts:
 - Land Acquisition \$2,500,000
 - Water Quality Improvement Program \$2,000,000
 - Environmental Justice Grants including \$500,000 for Children’s Environmental Health Centers \$1,500,000
 - Municipal Parks \$1,000,000
 - Hudson River Park \$1,000,000
 - ZBGA \$1,000,000
 - Inner City/Underserved Waterfront Revitalization \$250,000
 - Albany Pine Bush Commission \$250,000
 - Long Island Pine Barrens Commission \$250,000
 - Finger Lake/Lake Ontario Watershed \$250,000

- **The Assembly clarifies that community impact research grants should go to environmental justice communities.**
- **The Assembly provides \$7 million to upgrade the radio system used by Department of Environmental Conservation law enforcement officers.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly modifies the Executive's Habitat Account proposal by capping funding for the account at fifty percent of annual lifetime license sales and sunsetting the proposal after two years.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to raise Title V air permit and State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) fees but rejects adjusting fees by using Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the future. The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to raise and restructure Non-Title V air permit fees.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate a fee for water well drillers.**
- **The Assembly modifies the Executive Superfund proposal by increasing the financing authorization for Superfund to \$1 billion over a period of 10 years and limiting Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) financing to 10 percent of these funds.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
New York State Gaming Commission**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$146.33 million, an increase of \$100,000 over the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly provides \$100,000 for the New York State Racing Fan Advisory Council.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive budget proposal to extend the video lottery gaming vendor's capital awards program for one year.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive budget proposal to extend the current pari-mutuel tax rates and out-of-state simulcast provisions for one year.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive budget proposal to expand the definition of video lottery gaming to include mixed games of chance and skill.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive budget proposal to extend the New York Racing Association Reorganization Board's term for an additional year.**
- **The Assembly proposes to extend for one year the current vendor fee rate paid to Monticello Video Lottery Terminal facility.**
- **The Assembly proposes to increase the maximum amount deducted from owners' shares of purses for the New York Jockey Injury Compensation Fund from 1 percent to 2 percent until April 1, 2017.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$324.9 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly modifies an Executive proposal to permanently authorize the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF) and the Dedicated Mass Transportation Trust Fund to receive revenues generated by the DMV, and to permanently authorize funding DMV operations from the DHBTF, by extending the authorization for two years.**
- **The Assembly makes technical corrections to an Executive proposal to make New York State compliant with federal regulations regarding commercial driver learners' permits.**
- **The Assembly rejects an Executive proposal to adjust the process for registering an overweight vehicle.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Olympic Regional Development Agency**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$11.818 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$410.583 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly proposal rejects the Executive's proposal to tie Regional Economic Development Council funding into New York Works funding. The Assembly also rejects the addition of design-build language into New York Works funding.**
- **The Assembly proposal adds language to include Belleayre Mountain Ski Center as a suballocation of \$500,000 in the New York Works appropriation.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Public Service**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$90.162 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly modifies the Executive's LIPA debt refinancing proposal to clarify that refinanced debt should not be extended.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to fund the Department of Health's Public Service Education Program with proceeds from the Cable Television Account.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of State**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$137.4 million, a \$2 million increase over the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly provides \$1,000,000 for intervenor funding for consumer advocacy in utility matters.**
- **The Assembly provides \$500,000 for the State Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate.**
- **The Assembly restores \$21,000 for the State of New York Commission on Uniform State Laws to provide reimbursement for travel expenses.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly restores \$505,000 for the Public Utility Law Project.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to extend, for one year, the ability of the Secretary of State to charge fees for expediting certain documents issued by or requested from the Department of State's Division of Corporations.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to eliminate the fee associated with licensing apartment information vendors and sharing agents.**
- **The Assembly provides language for the State Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate.**
- **The Assembly provides language to establish an intervenor process for consumer advocacy in utility matters.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Taxation and Finance**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$462.3 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to make warrantless wage garnishment permanent.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to lower the threshold to suspend delinquent taxpayers' driver's licenses.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to require grantee to be current with tax obligations.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to authorize New York to enter reciprocal tax collection agreements with other states.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to authorize a professional and business license tax clearance.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to require new State employees to comply with State tax obligations.**

- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to allow OCFS to share child care data with the Department.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to allow multi-agency data sharing.**
- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to enhance motor fuel tax enforcement.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Division of Tax Appeals**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$3.04 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Capital Projects

- **Not applicable.**

Article VII

- **Not applicable.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
New York State Thruway Authority**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$21.5 million.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **Not applicable.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly proposes to add a reporting requirement for all bank settlement funds appropriated to the Thruway Authority and to require a detailed financial plan for the replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge.**
- **The Assembly rejects an Executive proposal to authorize shared services agreements between the Department of Transportation and the Thruway Authority.**

**Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Department of Transportation (DOT)**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$10.17 billion, an increase of \$176 million from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Aid to Localities

- **The Assembly provides \$5 million to the MTA for the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge Rebate program and rejects appropriation language related to the Legislature's responsibility to provide these funds.**

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly increases funding for upstate transit systems by \$25 million and introduces Article VII language to convene a board charged with providing a plan to ensure growing and stable funding for the upstate transit systems.**
- **The Assembly provides funding of \$60 million for extreme weather recovery statewide.**
- **The Assembly increases the appropriation for non-MTA transit capital to \$10 million, from \$5 million, and reduces the aviation appropriation accordingly.**
- **The Assembly rejects the sweep of \$20 million of dedicated tax revenue from the MMTOA account, which supports the MTA.**
- **The Assembly provides \$100 million for bus rapid transit infrastructure and procurement, which will include support for projects in Staten Island, Brooklyn, the Bronx, as well as other areas of the state.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to permanently authorize design-build.**
- **The Assembly rejects an Executive proposal to increase toll evasion penalties and enforcement tools for the MTA, Thruway Authority, Bridge Authority, and Port Authority.**
- **The Assembly modifies an Executive proposal to create the Transit Assistance for Capital Investment Fund with diverted transit operating assistance revenue by adding language allowing these funds to be used for operational costs and by adding a one-year sunset provision.**
- **The Assembly adds a reporting requirement for all settlement funds appropriated to the Thruway Authority and would require a detailed financial plan for the replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge.**
- **The Assembly rejects an Executive proposal to authorize shared services agreements between DOT and the Thruway Authority.**
- **The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal that would repeal the one-time, \$50 Intrastate Authority Application fee paid by new trucking companies, movers, ambulette providers, and charter bus operators, and would authorize a new \$100 fee for vehicle safety inspections of privately operated vehicles capable of carrying 11 or more passengers in commerce, by rejecting language denying future inspections due to the nonpayment of fees.**

Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16 Urban Development Corporation

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.67 billion, representing a net decrease of \$262.02 million from the Executive proposal.

State Operations

- Not applicable.

Aid to Localities

- The Assembly rejects a \$31.18 million appropriation for the Empire State Economic Development Fund.
- The Assembly restores support for the following programs which were eliminated in the Executive proposal:
 - Additional support for the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Development and Lending Program (\$365,000), for a total appropriation of \$1 million.
 - Additional support for the Community Development Financial Institutions (\$300,000), for a total appropriation of \$1.8 million.

Capital Projects

- The Assembly accepts the \$1.5 billion Upstate Revitalization Initiative, but inserts new language that would subject the Executive to reporting requirements.
- The Assembly rejects a continued \$150 million appropriation for Regional Economic Development Councils as well as a \$45 million appropriation for the New York Works Economic Development Fund.
- The Assembly provides a new \$7.5 million capital appropriation in support of the Healthy Food and Healthy Communities Fund.
- The Assembly transfers the following initiatives to State University of New York (SUNY):
 - \$25 million for the Binghamton University School of Pharmacy.

- **\$19 million for the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.**

Other Initiatives

- **The Assembly proposal rejects the transfer of \$70 million to support various initiatives including: the New York Open for Business/START-UP NY initiative, the Global NY Development Fund, and the NYS Innovation Venture Capital Fund. These funds would instead be redirected for General Fund relief.**
- **The Assembly rejects the Executive’s language that would subject certain capital sources to new requirements.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16
Miscellaneous: Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental

Greenway Heritage Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

New York Power Authority

- **The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.**

Regional Significant Infrastructure Program

- **The Assembly creates a new \$300 million capital appropriation which focuses on local and regional economic development initiatives including workforce development, manufacturing, agriculture, tourism destination facilities, industrial facilities, business parks, incubators, downtown and rural commercial center projects. Within this appropriation, up to \$10 million is provided for public libraries, \$10 million for Non-MTA Transit for Operating Assistance, and up to \$5 million is provided for county and local fairgrounds.**

Tribal State Compact Revenue

- **The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$91.7 million, representing no change from the Executive proposal.**

Dedicated Infrastructure Investment Fund

- **The Assembly modifies the Dedicated Infrastructure Investment Fund to require the Director of Budget to provide written notice to the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chair of Assembly Ways and Means Committee concerning the specific uses of these funds.**
- **The Assembly modifies language to include that any work performed on a capital project supported by this fund shall be deemed a public work and is subject to prevailing wage requirements.**

- The Assembly accepts the Executive's \$500 million New NY Broadband initiative, but requires the funding be allocated to a plan.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority

- The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$3.09 billion, an increase of \$1 million over the Executive proposal.

Capital Projects

- The Assembly appropriates \$1 million to the MTA for a study of accessibility and capacity at the Kingsbridge Road/Jerome Avenue subway station in the Bronx.
- In addition, through appropriations available under the State Department of Transportation, the Assembly provides \$5 million to the MTA for the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge Rebate program.

Article VII

- The Assembly rejects an Executive proposal to extend, for four years, the MTA's authorization for procurement methods such as Request for Proposals (RFPs) so that this proposal can be examined post-budget.
- The Assembly rejects an Executive proposal to permanently authorize design-build.
- The Assembly rejects an Executive proposal to increase toll evasion penalties and enforcement tools for the MTA, Thruway Authority, Bridge Authority, and Port Authority.

New York Works Task Force

- The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$850,000, representing no change from the Executive proposal.

Design-Build

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to allow design-build in all appropriations.

DEBT SERVICE

Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2015-16 Debt Service

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$10.3 billion for the Debt Service bill.

State Operations

- Not applicable.

Aid to Localities

- Not applicable.

Capital Projects

- **The Assembly** accepts the Executive's proposal to provide support for the following initiatives:
 - \$4.231 billion for Core Transportation & DMV Program;
 - \$1.5 billion for Upstate Revitalization Initiative;
 - \$1.285 billion for Thruway Stabilization Program;
 - \$1 billion for Health Care Facility Transformation;
 - \$121.5 million for Other Downstate Transit;
 - \$750 million for DOT Bridge Program;
 - \$750 million for MTA Capital Contribution;
 - \$500 million for Broadband Initiative;
 - \$462.9 million for Core DEC Program;
 - \$400 million for Hospitals;
 - \$339.9 million for Core Mental Health Hygiene Program;
 - \$354 million for SUNY/CUNY Systemwide Maintenance;
 - \$296.7 million for All Other Capital Appropriations;
 - \$250 million for Penn Station Access;
 - \$173.7 million for Core Parks and Historical Preservation;
 - \$164.3 million for Community College Projects;
 - \$143.1 million for Affordable & Homeless Housing;
 - \$152 million for Harriman Campus Upgrades;
 - \$150.6 million for Core Department of Health Program;
 - \$150 million for Resiliency, Mitigation, Security & Response;
 - \$146.7 million for Information Technology;

- **\$115 million for Other Infrastructure Improvements;**
 - **\$110 million for NY SUNY & NY CUNY 2020 Grants;**
 - **\$110 million for Raise the Age;**
 - **\$100.7 million for Public Protection;**
 - **\$100 million for Hazardous Waste Remediation;**
 - **\$52.3 million for All Other Economic Development;**
 - **\$50 million for Binghamton School of Pharmacy;**
 - **\$50 million for Non-profit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program;**
 - **\$50 million for Southern Tier/Hudson Valley Farm Initiative;**
 - **\$33.5 million for Nano/GE Power Electronics;**
 - **\$30 million for Capital Matching Grants; and**
 - **\$19 million for Cornell Veterinary College.**
- **The Assembly modifies the Executive’s proposal to provide support for the following initiatives:**
 - **\$374.5 million to hospitals;**
 - **\$50 million for Municipal Restructuring; and**
 - **\$150 million for Resiliency, Mitigation, Security and Emergency Response.**
- **The Assembly adds the following initiatives:**
 - **\$300 million for Regional Significant Infrastructure Program (including: \$10 million for libraries, and \$5 million for County and Local Fair Development);**
 - **\$100 million for a new Community Restoration Fund;**
 - **\$100 million for NYCHA Capital Administration through DHCR;**
 - **\$60 million Capital for Severe Winter Roads Repair (up to 45 percent to NYC);**
 - **\$32 million for additional Critical Maintenance at CUNY: Parity with SUNY;**
 - **\$15.5 million to Roswell Park Cancer Institute;**
 - **\$25 million for Non MTA Transit for Operating;**
 - **\$20 million for SUNY Educational Opportunity Center;**
 - **\$7.5 million for New York Healthy Food & Healthy Communities Fund;**
 - **\$7 million for DEC radio system upgrades;**
 - **\$250 million for NYS Water and Sewage Infrastructure Program;**
 - **\$900 million over ten years for the Superfund; and**
 - **\$2 million for Nassau County Election Equipment.**

Article VII

- **The Assembly accepts the following Executive bond caps increases:**
 - **SUNY Educational Facilities would be increased from \$10.98 billion to \$11.23 billion;**
 - **Mental Health Services facilities from \$7.436 billion to \$7.723 billion;**
 - **CUNY senior and community colleges are increased from \$7.27 billion to \$7.39 billion;**
 - **Correctional Facilities from \$7.148 billion to \$7.163 billion;**
 - **Housing Capital Programs are increased from \$2.999 billion to \$3.154 billion;**
 - **Local Highway projects from \$2.999 billion to \$3.154 billion;**
 - **Various Economic Development purposes from \$2.203 billion to \$2.488 billion, including the Binghamton University School of Pharmacy and the New York Power Electronics Manufacturing Consortium;**
 - **Capital Restructuring Financing Program (Healthcare) from \$1.2 billion to \$2.2 billion, including the health care facility transformation program;**
 - **Environmental Infrastructure Projects from \$1.398 billion to \$1.576 billion;**
 - **MTA transportation facilities from \$770 million to \$1.52 billion;**
 - **Transportation Initiatives from \$465 million to \$1.44 billion;**
 - **Hazardous Waste Remediation (Superfund) is increased from \$1.2 billion to \$1.3 billion; including environmental restoration projects;**
 - **SUNY upstate community colleges would be increased from \$776 million to \$838 million;**
 - **Youth Facilities from \$465.4 million to \$611.2 million;**
 - **State Office Buildings and Facilities from \$317.8 million to \$469.8 million;**
 - **NY-SUNY 2020 and NY-CUNY 2020 from \$330 million to \$440 million;**
 - **Office of Information Technology Services from \$182.44 to \$269.14 million;**

- **Higher Education Capital Matching Grants from \$180 million to \$210 million;**
- **State Police capital from \$149.6 million to \$155.6 million;**
- **Library Facilities from \$126 million to \$140 million; and**
- **Non-profit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program \$50 million.**
- **The Assembly rejects the following:**
 - **The Executive's proposed Personal Income Tax (PIT) Issuer Flexibility which grants any authorized issuer the authority to issue PIT Revenue Bonds. Under existing law only the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) or the Empire State Development Corporation/ Urban Development Corporation (ESDC/UDC) are authorized to issue PIT bonds.**
 - **The Smart Schools Bond Act, which authorizes DASNY and ESDC to bond up to \$2 billion using Sales Tax Revenue Bonds and PIT Revenue Bonds instead of General Obligation Bonds.**