## 2024-25 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 provided in the Assembly proposal, embodied in Assembly Resolution E. 948. The budget proposal of the Assembly Majority addresses each appropriation, as well as programmatic language that was first advanced in the Executive Budget.

## OVERVIEW OF ASSEMBLY BUDGET PROPOSAL State Fiscal Year 2024-25

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## **Financial Plan Overview**

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Table 1

NYS Assembly Disbursements - Difference from Executive (\$ in Millions)							
	SFY 2023-24 Close-Out	SFY 2024-25 Executive	SFY 2024-25 Assembly	Difference			
General Funds	103,489	107,586	110,320	2,734			
State Operating Funds	126,610	129,268	139,286	10,018			
State Funds	138,844	144,414	154,432	10,018			
All Funds	231,604	232,752	245,827	13,075			

#### All Funds

The All Funds Budget is the broadest measure of spending; it accounts for unrestricted and restricted State funds, as well as funds received from the Federal government.

The Assembly proposes an All Funds budget of \$245.8 billion for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-25, which is \$13.1 billion or 5.6 percent over the Executive proposal. This increase is largely attributed to \$10 billion in spending actions related to Medicaid; and commitments to School Aid, Higher Education, human services, Indigent legal representation, transportation, and various programs.

The Assembly All Funds receipts are projected at \$241.6 billion, which represents an increase of \$13.7 billion over the Executive, and an increase of \$10.3 billion or 4.5 percent above SFY 2023-24 estimates. This is mainly attributed to \$7 billion in Federal receipts from Medicaid and the new Managed Care Organization (MCO) revenue proposal, \$2.3 billion in new taxes, and \$1.4 billion from consensus revenue.

#### **State Funds**

State Funds spending consists of the General Fund, Debt Service Funds, Capital Projects Funds and Other State Funds. State Funds spending under the Assembly proposal is projected to total \$154.4 billion in SFY 2024-25, representing an increase of \$10 billion or 6.9 percent over the Executive's estimate, an increase of \$15.6 billion over SFY 2023-24, of which \$7.1 billion is Medicaid.

The Assembly projects State Funds receipts in SFY 2024-25 will total \$149.8 billion, an increase of \$10.7 billion over the Executive, and an increase of \$12.7 billion or 9.3 percent from

SFY 2023-24, largely consisting of \$4 billion from MCO revenue, \$2.3 billion in new taxes, and \$1.4 billion from consensus revenue.

#### **State Operating Funds**

The State Operating budget includes all State spending from the General Fund, State Special Revenue Funds, and Debt Service Funds. This measure excludes Capital Projects Funds and Federal spending. The Assembly proposal assumes State Operating Funds spending of \$139.3 billion, an increase of \$10 billion, or 7.7 percent over the Executive estimate, and an increase of \$12.7 billion or 10.0 percent over SFY 2023-24. This increase largely consists of \$7.1 billion in Medicaid.

State Operating Fund receipts are estimated at \$140 billion, an increase of \$10.7 billion or 8.3 percent over the Executive; and an increase of \$11.3 billion or 8.8 percent increase from SFY 2023-24. This increase is related to \$4 billion in MCO revenues, \$2.3 billion in new taxes and \$1.4 billion from consensus revenues.

#### **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 users taxes, business taxes, other taxes, miscellaneous receipts, and transfers from other funds.

The SFY 2024-25 Assembly Financial Plan proposal projects that General Fund spending will total \$110.3 billion. The proposed spending is \$2.7 billion over the Executive proposal. This is largely attributed to new commitments to school aid, higher education, social services, and other programs.

The Assembly General Fund Spending represents an increase of \$6.8 billion or 6.6 percent from SFY 2023-24 estimated levels.

In SFY 2024-25, General Fund receipts are estimated to total \$108.8 billion. The proposed Assembly receipts are \$3.8 billion or 3.7 percent over SFY 2023-24. The growth in General Fund receipts are as follows: \$1.4 billion in consensus revenues, \$1.1 billion in corporate tax surcharge, \$930 million in Personal Income Tax surcharge, and \$300 million in re-estimates. The increase in General Fund receipts is partially offset by \$1.4 billion in tax relief actions, including \$958 million in property tax rebates, and \$324 million in supplemental Child Tax Credit payments.

Table 2

Table 2								
Financial Plan Summary								
(\$ in Millions)								
	SFY 2024-25							
	SFY 2023-24	Executive						
	Current Estimate	Proposal	<b>Assembly Plan</b>					
State Operating Funds Disbursements	100 010	100.000	100 000					
Size of Budget	126,610	129,268	139,286					
Annual Growth	2.3%	2.10%	7.7%					
Other Budget Measure (Annual Growth)								
General Fund (Including Transfers)	103,489	107,586	110,320					
Annual Growth	11.5%	4.0%	2.5%					
Capital Budget (Federal and State)	15,670	18,798	18,798					
Annual Growth	11.7%	20.0%	0.0%					
Federal Operating Aid	89,324	84,686	91,743					
Annual Growth	8.0%	-5.2%	8.3%					
All Governmental Funds	231,604	232,752	245,827					
Annual Growth	5.1%	0.5%	5.6%					
Inflation (CPI) Growth	7.4%	3.4%	2.4%					
All Funds Receipts								
Taxes	104,379	107,980	110,607					
Miscellaneous receipts	31,000	27,994	32,047					
Federal grants	95,923	91,894	98,951					
Total Receipts	231,302	227,868	241,605					
   Total General Fund Reserves (Year-end)	44,968	43,862	43,491					
Tax Stabilization/Rainy Day Reserves	6,256	6,256	6,256					
Extraordinary Monetary Settlements	1,118	601	601					
Economic Uncertainties	13,782	13,782	13,782					
All Other Reserves/Fund Balances	23,812	23,223	22,852					
Debt								
Debt Service as % of All Funds	2.7%	3.0%	2.8%					
State Related Debt Outstanding	55,915	64,367	64,585					
Debt Outstanding as % Personal Income	3.8%	4.0%	3.8%					

#### **Assembly Actions on Executive Budget**

The Assembly proposal is estimated to spend a net \$10 billion more than the Executive on a State Operating Funds basis, a 7.7 percent increase in total State Operating spending over the Executive Budget.

Table 3

Table 3								
	Financial Plan Summary							
SFY 2024-25 (\$ in Millions)								
State Operating								
	<b>General Fund</b>	<u>Funds</u>	State Funds	All Funds				
Executive Opening Balance	44,968	53,988	52,714	65,966				
Assembly Opening Balance	44,968	53,988	52,714	65,966				
EXECUTIVE RECEIPTS	106,480	129,351	139,085	227,868				
Tax Avails	2,043	2,310	2,310	2,310				
Tax Cuts	(1,333)	(1,333)	(1,333)	(1,333)				
Misc. Receipts/Fees	53	4,053	4,053	4,053				
Sweeps	(51)	4,000	4,000	4,000				
Tax & Misc Rec Reestimates Federal	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650 3,057				
Assembly Receipts	108,842	140,031	149,765	241,605				
Change in Receipts	2,362	10,680	10,680	13,737				
Executive Disbursements	107,586	129,268	144,414	232,752				
Spending Addition	2,922	10,206	10,206	13,396				
Spending Reduction	(188)	(188)	(188)	(321)				
Assembly Disbursement	110,320	139,286	154,432	245,827				
Change in Disbursements	2,734	10,018	10,018	13,075				
Assembly Other Financing Changes	0	(2,925)	2,273	(98)				
Assembly Change in Fund Balance	(1,477)	(2,179)	(2,393)	(4,319)				
Assembly Closing Fund Balance	43,491	51,809	50,321	61,647				

As part of the revenue consensus process, the Assembly agreed to increase the two-year revenue forecast by \$1.4 billion. The Assembly proposal provide additional sources of revenue to increase General Fund net receipts by \$2.4 billion in SFY 2024-25 over the Executive

proposal. Major actions include an expansion of business tax surcharge (\$1.4 billion) and an increase in the State Personal Income Tax Rate for high-income earners (\$930 million).

Other one-time Assembly revenue actions will result in lower General Fund total receipts, including Homeowner Rebate checks (\$958 million) and a supplemental Empire State Child Credit (\$324 million).

#### Reserves

Table 4

Table 4		
SFY 2024-25 Estimated General Fu	nd Closing Balance	
(\$ in Millions)		
	Executive	Assembly
Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund	1,618	1,618
Statutory Rainy Day Reserve Fund	4,638	4,638
Contingency Reserve Fund	21	21
Community Projects Fund	23	23
Subtotal Statutory Reserves	6,300	6,300
Reserved for Timing of PIT/PTET Credits	14,329	14,329
Reserved for Debt Management	1,860	1,860
Reserved for Labor Settlements/Agency Operations	3,215	3,215
Settlement Funds	601	601
Subtotal Budgetary Reserves	20,005	20,005
Reserved for Economic Uncertainty	13,782	13,782
Undesignated Fund Balance	3,775	3,404
Subtotal Undesignated Reserves	17,557	17,186
Total General Fund Closing Balance	43,862	43,491

The Assembly Budget estimates a closing fund balance of \$43.5 billion in reserves at the end of SFY 2024-25, a \$369 million decrease from the Executive proposal. This is primarily attributed to the use of the undesignated fund balance.

#### **Emergency Appropriations**

• The Assembly modifies the Special Emergency appropriation by reducing the amount from \$2 billion to \$1 billion.

#### **Appropriations Preamble Language**

The Assembly does not include language in the preamble of the State Operations and Aid to Localities bills that would provide authority for the Division of Budget to:

- Credit refunded amounts back to an original appropriation and reduce expenditures in the year the credit is received;
- Require the Legislature to act on the Aid to Localities bill prior to the State Operations bill;
- Increase or decrease by interchange or transfer without limit, the amount of any state operations appropriations with any other appropriation of any department, agency or public authority; and
- Exclude SUNY Hospital appropriations from the two-year lapse provision as enacted in the SFY 2023-24 budget, from repeal upon passage of the SFY 2024-25 Budget.

Table 5

#### CASH FINANCIAL PLAN ALL FUNDS

#### Estimated 30-Day Closeout 2023-24 vs Assembly Plan 2024-25

(\$ in millions)

	2023-24 Estimated Closeout	2024-25 Legislative Plan	Change	% Change from 23-24 to 24-25
Opening fund balance	65,955	65,966	11	0.0%
Receipts:				
Taxes	104,379	110,607	6,228	6.0%
Miscellaneous receipts	31,000	32,047	1,047	3.4%
Federal grants	95,923	98,951	3,028	3.2%
Total Receipts	231,302	241,605	10,303	4.5%
Disbursements:				
Local Assistances and Grants	181,970	195,311	13,341	7.3%
State operations	25,172	26,475	1,303	5.2%
General State charges	10,981	8,718	(2,263)	(20.6%)
Debt service	2,607	3,022	415	15.9%
Capital projects	10,874	12,301	1,427	13.1%
Total Disbursements	231,604	245,827	14,223	6.1%
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers from other funds	54,544	55,498	954	1.7%
Transfers to other funds	(54,795)	(55,955)	(1,160)	2.1%
Bond and note proceeds	564	359	(205)	(36.3%)
Net other financing sources (uses)	313	(98)	(411)	(131.2%)
Deposit to/(use of) Community Projects Fund	0			
Deposit to/(use of) Prior Year Reserves	0			
Deposit to/(use of) Debt Reduction Reserve	0			
Change in fund balance	11	(4,319)		
Closing fund balance	65,966	61,647		

Table 6

#### CASH FINANCIAL PLAN STATE FUNDS

#### Estimated 30-Day Closeout 2023-24 vs Assembly Plan 2024-25

(\$ in millions)

Change	% Change from 23-24 to 24-25
1,105	2.1%
7 6,228	6.0%
3 1,063	3.5%
55,390	233.8%
12,681	9.3%
5 14,311	15.0%
3 1,812	8.3%
5 (2,265)	(21.4%)
2 415	15.9%
1,315	15.4%
15,588	11.2%
5 969	1.8%
1) (1,356)	2.6%
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Table 7

#### CASH FINANCIAL PLAN STATE OPERATING FUNDS

Estimated 30-Day Closeout 2023-24 vs Assembly Plan 2024-25

(\$ in millions)

	2023-24 Estimated Closeout	2024-25 Legislative Plan	Change	% Change from 23-24 to 24-25
Opening fund balance	52,723	53,988	1,265	2.4%
Receipts:				
Taxes	102,853	109,121	6,268	6.1%
Miscellaneous receipts	23,589	23,220	(369)	(1.6%)
Federal grants	2,300	7,690	5,390	234.3%
Total Receipts	128,742	140,031	11,289	8.8%
Disbursements:				
Local Assistance	91,617	104,331	12,714	13.9%
State operations	21,796	23,608	1,812	8.3%
General State charges	10,590	8,325	(2,265)	(21.4%)
Debt service	2,607	3,022	415	15.9%
Capital projects	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Disbursements	126,610	139,286	12,676	10.01%
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers from other funds	50,441	50,062	(379)	(0.8%)
Transfers to other funds	(51,308)	(52,987)	(1,679)	3.3%
Bond and note proceeds	0	0	0	
Net other financing sources (uses)	(867)	(2,925)	(2,058)	237.3%
Deposit to/(use of) Community Projects Fund	0	0		
Deposit to/(use of) Prior Year Reserves	0	0		
Deposit to/(use of) Debt Reduction Reserve	0			
Change in fund balance	1,265	(2,179)		
Closing fund balance	53,988	51,809		

Table 8

## CASH FINANCIAL PLAN GENERAL FUND Estimated 30-Day Closeout 2023-24 vs Assembly Plan 2024-25 (\$\sigma\$ in millions)

	(\$ in millions)			
	2023-24 Estimated Clos eout	2024-25 Legislative Plan	Change	% Change from 23-24 to 24-25
Opening fund balance	43,451	44,968	1,517	3.5%
Receipts:				
Taxes				
Personal Income Tax	24,483	27,651	3,168	12.9%
User taxes and fees	9,885	10,044	159	1.6%
Business taxes	17,039	18,174	1,135	6.7%
Other taxes	1,903	1,347	(556)	(29.2%)
Miscellanous Receipts	4,295	3,687	(608)	(14.2%)
Federal grants	2,250	3,645	1,395	62.0%
Transfers from other funds				
- PIT Revenue Bond	24,455	25,774	1,319	5.4%
- PTET Revenue Bond	6,941	7,240	299	4.3%
- ECEP Revenue Bond	7	8	1	14.3%
- LGAC	0	0	0	0.0%
-Sales Tax	8,711	8,696	(15)	(0.2%)
- RETT	878	857	(21)	(2.4%)
- All other	4,159	1,720	(2,439)	(58.6%)
Total Receipts	105,006	108,842	3,836	3.7%
Disbursements:				
Local Assistance	74.048	79,585	5,537	7.5%
State operations	12,884	14,583	1,699	13.2%
General State charges	9,379	7,069	(2,310)	(24.6%)
Transfers to other funds				
- Debt service	227	263	36	15.9%
- Capital projects	3,703	5,033	1,330	35.9%
- State Share Medicaid	0	0	0	0.0%
- SUNY Operations	1,616	1,709	93	5.8%
- Other purposes	1,632	2,078	446	27.3%
Total Disbursements	103,489	110,320	6,831	6.6%
Change in fund balance	1,517	(1,477)		
Closing fund balance	44,968	43,491		

#### Revenue

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 23 of the State Finance Law, the Director of the Budget, the Secretary of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Secretary of the Ways and Means Committee are required to issue a joint report containing a consensus economic forecast and revenue estimate, no later than March 1st.

If there is a failure to issue a consensus report, the State Comptroller is required, no later than March 5th, to provide estimates of available revenues for the current and upcoming fiscal year.

The Executive and the Legislature reached consensus and provides the following update:

#### **ECONOMIC AND REVENUE CONSENSUS REPORT FY 2025**

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 FY 2025 Budget, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 309 of the Laws of 1996.

The Consensus Forecasting Conference was held on February 28, 2024. Based on the testimony of experts at the Conference, the baseline outlook for both the economy and revenue appears to be moderate growth for calendar year 2024, following strong economic performance in 2023. The economy remains vulnerable to headwinds from domestic fiscal/monetary policies and worldwide uncertainties.

#### **Economic Forecast Review**

The economic forecasts contained in the Executive Budget and Legislative reports portray continued but slowing growth in national and State economies for 2024. It is important to note that all parties' forecasts were completed prior to the February 28 Consensus Forecasting Conference.

All parties agree that the national economy, as measured by inflation-adjusted Gross Domestic Product, will expand at a slower pace in 2024, following growth of 2.5 percent in 2023. The consensus forecast for U.S. real GDP growth for 2024 is 2.1 percent, followed by growth of 1.8 percent for 2025.

All parties expect national employment growth to slow down. The consensus forecast calls for employment growth of 1.1 percent in 2024 and 0.6 percent in 2025, following an increase of 2.3 percent in 2023. All parties expect lower inflation for 2024, as measured by the Consumer Price Index. All parties consent to an inflation rate projection of 2.7 percent for 2024 and 2.3 percent for 2025. Consistent with expectations pertaining to both employment and inflation, all parties consent to a wage growth projection of 4.9 percent for 2024 and

4.3 percent for 2025, following growth of 6.2 percent for 2023. Similarly, all parties consent to a personal income growth projection of 4.6 percent for 2024 and 4.3 percent for 2025, following growth of 5.2 percent for 2023. The consensus forecast for U.S. corporate profits, with capital consumption and inventory valuation adjustments included, calls for 3.8 percent growth in 2024 with an increase of 3.2 percent in 2025. All parties agree that the yearly yield on 3-month Treasury bills will average 4.9 percent in 2024 and 3.9 percent in 2025, based on the parties' baseline forecast assumptions.

CALENDAR YEA	CONSENSUS U.S. FORECAST CALENDAR YEAR Percent Change			
	<u>CY2024</u>	CY2025		
REAL GDP	2.1	1.8		
PERSONAL INCOME	4.6	4.3		
WAGES	4.9	4.3		
CORP PROFITS	3.8	3.2		
NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1.1	0.6		
3-MONTH T-BILL RATE	4.9	3.9		
СРІ	2.7	2.3		

The parties agree that payroll employment in New York State will increase by 0.4 percent in FY 2025 following a 1.4 percent increase in FY 2024. The consensus forecast for personal income growth is 4.2 percent for FY 2025 and following 3.8 percent for FY 2024. The consensus forecast calls for wage growth of 4.0 percent for FY 2025, following an increase of 3.8 percent for FY 2024.

CONSENSUS N.Y. FORECAST FISCAL YEAR Percent Change			
	FY 2024	FY 2025	
NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1.4	0.4	
PERSONAL INCOME	3.8	4.2	
WAGES	3.8	4.0	

**Note:** The Senate and Assembly Minority construct their personal income and wage series based on BEA data, whereas all other parties use NYS Department of Labor QCEW data; the two series can deviate substantially from one another.

All parties agree that while the soft landing is likely to be achieved in 2024 and the risks of a recession in the near term has lessened, a weaker or more volatile equity marker could trigger additional layoffs that would slow the employment and wage recovery. Likewise, sustained inflationary pressures could hinder economic growth.

Risks to both the national and the New York forecasts also stem from monetary and fiscal policy actions. High interest rates and the timing of monetary policy actions to lower them could dampen economic activity and reduce business investment and hiring. All parties identify the financial market outlook as critical for the health of the State economy and the underlying tax base. In addition, the persistence of telework, the relocation of urban workers out of State, and other domestic outmigration present a long-term risk to the New York 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. The revenue estimates from all parties for FY 2024 and projections for FY 2025 exhibited significant variance, but participants reached consensus on a two-year revenue that is \$1.4 billion above the Executive Budget estimate.

#### SFY 2024-25 Assembly Tax and Revenue Proposals

- Part A Permanently Extend the Itemized deduction Limit on High Income Filers: The
  Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to make permanent the personal income tax
  limitation on charitable contribution deductions for taxpayers with incomes above
  \$10 million by extending the provision for five years, until taxable year 2030. This action
  would extend the current state deduction limit for these taxpayers, which is 25 percent
  of the federal deduction.
- Part B Permanently Extend the Tax Shelter Provisions: The Assembly modifies the
  Executive proposal to make permanent the current tax shelter reporting provisions and
  penalties by extending the provision for five years, through July 1, 2029. This action
  would extend current penalties imposed on tax preparers who do not sign returns, take
  unreasonable positions on returns, and on unregistered tax preparers.
- Part C Make Technical Corrections to the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation
  Mobility Tax (MCTMT) Rate: The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to make
  technical corrections to apply the MCTMT tax rate of 0.34 percent to certain
  self-employed individuals in the suburban region of the Metropolitan Commuter
  Transportation District (MCTD), which includes the counties of Dutchess, Nassau,
  Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester. This change would be consistent
  with other provisions included in the SFY 2023-24 Enacted Budget.
- Part D Close the Amended Return Loophole for Personal Income and Corporation
  Franchise Taxes: The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to allow the Department
  of Taxation and Finance to act on amended returns filed by taxpayers if the taxpayer
  petitioned to the Division of Tax Appeals during the same taxable year. Petitions would
  include a request of a redetermination of a deficiency or a challenge of a refund denial.
  Under current law, any such petitions filed to the Division of Tax Appeals prevents the
  Department of Taxation and Finance from acting on amended returns filed for the same
  taxable year.
- Part E Establish the Commercial Security Tax Credit: The Assembly modifies the
  Executive proposal that would implement a \$3,000 tax credit for small businesses whose
  retail theft prevention expenses exceed \$12,000 by lowering the threshold for expenses
  from \$12,000 to \$3,000 and by allowing businesses with 25 or fewer employees to
  receive the credit, rather than 100 or fewer.
- Part F Permanently Extend the Mandatory Electronic Filing and Payment Requirements: The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to make permanent the Department of Taxation and Finance's electronic filing and payment mandates by extending the provision for five years, through December 31, 2029.

- Part G Permanently Extend Authorization to Manage Delinquent Sales Tax Vendors:
   The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to permanently extend provisions of law that requires vendors to deposit sales tax revenue into segregated accounts on a weekly basis, as well as, providing authorization for the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to revoke a vendor's license for failing to comply with the segregated account program's requirements or the regulations established in the Tax Law.
- Part H Provide for the Filing of Amended Sales Tax Returns: The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to establish a time frame to correct errors made in the filing of sales tax returns. This provision would treat the amended returns similarly to other tax filings and allow vendors to amend their returns up to three years after the return due date or two years after the vendor made their original payment. For amended returns that alter fixed and final tax liabilities, vendors are given up to 180 days to correct any errors from their original tax filings. A penalty of \$1,000 will be levied against filers who willingly include erroneous information in their amended sales tax returns.
- Part I Extend Certain Sales Tax Exemptions Related to the Dodd-Frank Protection
   Act for Three Years: The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to extend sales tax
   exemptions for transfers of assets between financial institutions and their subsidiaries
   for three years, from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2027. For binding contracts entered on
   or before June 30, 2027, this proposal extends exemptions for three years, to
   June 30, 2030.
- Part J Extend the Sales Tax Vending Machine Exemption for One Year: The Assembly
  accepts the Executive proposal to extend the existing sales tax exemption for certain
  food and drink purchased from a vending machine for one year, through May 31, 2025.
- Part K Modernize the Tax Law to Include the Vacation Rental Industry: The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to subject all vacation rentals to sales taxes, including the \$1.50 per unit NYC Convention Center fee, and to repeal the "bungalow rule," which allows rentals of furnished units to be exempt from sales tax, by creating statewide registration and verification for vacation rentals, preventing rent-regulated housing from being operated as vacation rentals, and subjecting them to local hotel taxes.
- Part L Repeal and Replace the Cannabis Potency Tax: The Assembly modifies the
  Executive proposal to repeal the wholesale Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) potency tax
  which is based on THC per milligram for each product and replace it with a single
  wholesale excise tax of 9.0 percent by lowering the wholesale rate to 7.0 percent. The
  state retail excise tax rate would remain at 9.0 percent and the local retail excise tax
  rate would remain at 4.0 percent.
- Part M Intentionally Omitted.

- Part N Intentionally Omitted.
- Part O Extend Authorized Use of Capital Funds by a Certain OTB Corporation for One Year: The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend for one year the authorized use of the capital acquisition funds by the Capital Off-Track Betting (OTB) Corporation, through March 31, 2025 by allowing Catskill OTB to apply and ensure both Catskill OTB and Capital OTB are able to satisfy the statutorily required pre-application requirements.
- Part P Extend Pari-Mutuel Tax Rates and Simulcast Provisions for One Year: The
  Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend the current pari-mutuel tax rate
  structure and other racing-related provisions for one year, through June 13, 2025 by
  removing the severability clause.
- Part Q Extend Funding of the Jockey Injury Compensation Fund: The Assembly includes language to extend the two percent allocation from the purse fund through April 1, 2027, and \$2 million out of the Purse Cushion Fund through calendar year 2027. This action would stabilize the owner-paid premiums required for jockey worker compensation coverage paid out of the Jockey Injury Compensation Fund.
- Part R Establish a New Racehorse Safety Program at Cornell University: The Assembly includes language to establish a new Racehorse Safety Program within the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. The New York Racing Association would pay the required \$2 million in capital related costs in the first year. The required \$1 million in operating costs for the first year, as well as the \$1.8 million annual operating costs in the out years, would be funded by an increased tax on out of State Advanced Deposit Wagering taking more than \$15 million in bets a month from New York State residents.
- Part S Increase the Top Corporate Franchise Tax Rate to 9 Percent: The Assembly includes language to increase the current 7.25 percent business income tax rate to 9.0 percent for certain taxpayers with a business income base over \$5 million.
- Part T Increase the Personal Income Tax (PIT) Rates on Taxpayers Earning over \$5 Million: The Assembly includes language to increase the current 10.3 percent PIT rate to 10.8 percent for taxpayers earning between \$5 million and \$25 million, and increase the current 10.9 percent rate to 11.4 percent for taxpayers earning over \$25 million.
- Part U Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to a Wider Income Range: The
  Assembly includes language to expand income eligibility for the New York State EITC
  payment for taxpayers who have children. For single filers with one child, the benefit

would be phased out at \$56,067, increased from \$49,084. For joint filers with three or more children, the benefit would be phased out at \$78,976, increased from \$66,819.

- Part V Include Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) Filers in the EITC: The Assembly includes language to expand the EITC to include taxpayers with an ITIN.
- Part W Provide a Supplemental Empire State Child Credit (ESCC): The Assembly includes language to provide a supplemental Empire State Child Credit for one year. The supplemental payment would be calculated as a percentage of a taxpayer's 2023 credit, as follows:
  - 100 percent for families with incomes under \$10,000;
  - o 75 percent for families with incomes between \$10,000 and \$24,999;
  - o 50 percent for families with incomes between \$25,000 and \$49,999; and
  - 25 percent for families with incomes of \$50,000 and above.
- Part X Provide a Homeowner Tax Rebate: The Assembly would include language to establish a one-year, \$958 million property tax relief rebate check for households that are eligible for either STAR, or Enhanced STAR, and have incomes at or below \$250,000. The rebate would be calculated as a percentage of the taxpayer's STAR benefit, with the percentage varying based on income level. The rebate would be provided as an advanced payment in the fall of 2024. However, no rebate check would be provided where the calculated benefit is less than \$100.
- Part Y Exclude Certain Fire Prevention Equipment from Sales Tax During the Month
  of October: The Assembly includes language excluding fire extinguishers, fire alarms,
  smoke alarms, and carbon monoxide alarms from state sales taxes during the month of
  October.
- Part Z Exclude School Supplies from Sales Tax for 15 days prior to Labor Day: The
  Assembly includes language to provide a sales tax exemption on school supplies with a
  value of \$110 or less per item for the 15 days prior to the first Monday in September
  (Labor Day).
- Part AA Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Oral Care Products: The Assembly
  includes language to exempt toothbrushes, toothpaste, tooth powders, mouthwash,
  dental floss, and other similar products from the state sales tax.
- Part BB Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Energy Storage Systems: The Assembly
  includes language to provide a sales tax exemption for the purchase and installation of
  residential and commercial energy storage systems used to provide heating, cooling, hot
  water, and electricity.

- Part CC Establish a Statewide Worker Opportunity Tax Credit: The Assembly includes language to provide a tax credit for employers who hire individuals from targeted groups. The credit would be equal to 100 percent of the federal credit, not to exceed \$500 per employee and the total amount of tax credits provided over a three-year period would not exceed \$30 million.
- ELFA Part R Intentionally Omitted.
- ELFA Part T Intentionally Omitted.
- ELFA Part U Intentionally Omitted.

#### **Executive Revenue Proposals that are not Included**

- Part M Clarify Taxable Status of Telecommunications Property: The Assembly does
  not include the Executive proposal to clarify that property used primarily or exclusively
  for the transmission of radio, television, or cable television shall not be considered
  taxable real property.
- Part N Return Tax Foreclosure Surplus to Property Owner: The Assembly does not
  include the Executive proposal to amend the Real Property Tax Law to ensure that
  surplus funds resulting from tax foreclosure sales are returned to the former owner,
  thereby addressing the recent Supreme Court ruling, Tyler v Hennepin County.
- ELFA Part R Authorize Tax Incentive Benefits for Converting Commercial Property to
  Affordable Housing: The Assembly does not the Executive proposal to establish a real
  property tax incentive program for the conversion of commercial buildings to affordable
  housing.
- ELFA Part T Extend the Project Completion Deadline for Vested Projects in Real Property Tax Law 421-a: The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to extend the completion deadline for projects vested in the expired 421-a program for five years, from June 15, 2026 to June 15, 2030. For a project to be considered vested, construction must have commenced on or before June 15, 2022.
- ELFA Part U Create a New Tax Abatement for Rental Housing Construction: The
  Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to establish a new property tax
  incentive program in New York City to incentivize the construction of new rental
  housing, contingent upon a memorandum of understanding between the largest real
  estate trade developer association and the largest building and, construction worker
  trade association.

Table 9

First Invest Assembly Progress Progress					
Fiscal Impact - Assembly Revenue Proposals					
	(\$ in Millions)				
Part	Proposal	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Α	Permanently Extend the Itemized Deduction Limit on High Income Filers	-	175	350	350
В	Permanently Extend Tax Shelter Provisions	-	-	-	-
С	Make Technical Corrections to the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax (MCTMT) Rate	-	-	-	-
D	Close the Amended Return Loophole for Personal Income and Corporation Franchise Taxes	-	20	20	20
Е	Establish the Commercial Security Tax Credit	_	(5)	(5)	_
F	Permanently Extend the Mandatory Electronic Filing and Payment	_	-	-	_
	Requirements				
G	Permanently Extend Authorization to Manage Delinquent Sales Tax Vendors	-	-	-	-
н	Provide for the Filing of Amended Sales Tax Returns	3	10	10	10
1	Extend Certain Sales Tax Exemptions Related to the Dodd-Frank Protection	_	_	_	_
	Act for Three Years				
J	Extend the Sales Tax Vending Machine Exemption for One Year	(8)	(2)	-	-
К	Modernize the Tax Law to Include the Vacation Rental Industry	8	16	16	16
L	Repeal and Replace the Cannabis Potency Tax	(11)	(17)	(24)	(33)
0	Extend Authorized Use of Capital Funds by a Certain OTB Corporation for	-	-	-	-
	One Year				
Р	Extend Pari-Mutuel Tax Rates and Simulcast Provisions for One Year	-	-	-	-
Q	Extend Funding of the Jockey Injury Compensation Fund	-	-	-	-
R	Establish a New Racehorse Safety Program at Cornell University	-	-	-	-
S	Increase the Top Corporate Franchise Tax Rate to 9 Percent	1,381	1,654	1,275	1,148
Т	Increase the Personal Income Tax Rates on Taxpayers Earning over \$5m	930	1,070	1,081	962
U	Expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to a Wider Income Range	-	(159)	(156)	(153)
V	Include Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) Filers in the EITC	-	(70)	(69)	(68)
W	Provide a Supplemental Empire State Child Credit (ESCC)	(324)	-	-	-
Х	Provide a Homeowner Tax Rebate Check	(958)	-	-	-
Y	Exclude Certain Fire Prevention Equipment from Sales Tax During the	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.6)
	Month of October				
Z	Exclude School Supplies from Sales Tax for 15 days prior to Labor Day	(63)	(65)	(66)	(68)
AA	Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Oral Care Products	(24)	(25)	(25)	(26)
ВВ	Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Energy Storage Systems	(2)	(3)	(4)	(4)
СС	Provide a Work Opportunity Tax Credit	-	(10)	(10)	(10)
<b>Total Fis</b>	cal Impact	931	2,588	2,393	2,143

# PUBLIC PROTECTION & GENERAL GOVERNMENT

By Agency

## Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposed All Funds appropriation of \$84.7 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 proposal to permanently extend the powers of the Chair and Members of the State Liquor Authority, to instead extend such powers for three years.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to enact recommendations of the Commission to Reform the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and Alcoholic Beverage Control Law policy proposals.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to authorize the State Liquor Authority to issue temporary wholesaler permits and allow for multiple wholesale licenses at the same location.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to make permanent the authorization of a retail on-premises licensee to file an application with the State Liquor Authority to use municipal public space for outdoor dining if authorized by the local government.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to make permanent the authorization of retail licensees for on-premises consumption to sell for takeout or delivery alcoholic beverages for consumption off premise.

• The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to provide the Office of Cannabis Management with new enforcement authority. The Assembly will continue to explore avenues to achieve an equitable and competitive legal adult use cannabis market that protects consumers.

#### Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of Audit and Control

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$563.5 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**

• Not applicable.

#### Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2023-24 Division of the Budget (DOB)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$50.8 million, an increase of \$602,000 over the Executive proposal.

#### **State Operations**

• The Assembly provides \$602,000 to restore funding for membership dues.

#### Aid to Localities

• Not applicable.

#### **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

• Not applicable.

#### Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of Civil Service

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$99.8 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 2024-25 Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$3.6 billion, an increase of \$9.9 million over the Executive proposal.

#### **State Operations**

• The Assembly provides \$9.9 million in funding for toll free calls at Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) facilities.

#### 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 rejects the Executive proposal that would authorize the Governor to close up to five DOCCS correctional facilities provided that 90 days' notice is provided to the Legislature.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Commission of Correction

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.1 million.

# **State Operations**

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

# **Aid to Localities**

• Not applicable.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Division of Criminal Justice Services

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$988.2 million, an increase of \$110 million over the Executive proposal.

#### **State Operations**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

#### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$7 million for Aid to Defense.
- The Assembly provides \$4 million for the district attorney and indigent legal services attorney loan forgiveness program.
- The Assembly proposal includes various legislative restorations, including:
  - \$10.8 million to support criminal justice programs, including re-entry programs, community dispute resolution centers, community-based organizations, transitional housing, civil or criminal legal services, and crime prevention programs;
  - S2.1 million for the New York State Defenders Association:
  - \$2.1 million for Prisoner Legal Services;
  - \$609,000 in domestic violence related civil and criminal legal services support;
  - \$600,000 for immigrant legal services; and
  - \$300,000 in additional funding for rape crisis centers, for a total of \$6.7 million.

#### **Legal Services Assistance Fund**

• The Assembly restores the carve out of \$2.8 million for Legal Services Assistance Fund (ISAF) support for civil and criminal legal services grants.

#### **Discovery**

• The Assembly restores \$40 million in funding for prosecutors' activities related to criminal discovery, for a total of \$80 million.

#### **Anti-Gun Violence Programs**

- The Assembly provides \$10 million for crime reduction, youth justice and gang prevention programs, including but not limited to street outreach, crime analysis, research, and shooting/violence reduction programs, for a total of \$41.1 million.
- The Assembly provides \$10 million for community-based organizations to respond, repair, and rebuild in the aftermath of violence, and serve the needs of communities and residents victimized by crimes involving guns, for a total of \$30 million.
- The Assembly provides \$10 million for SNUG in New York City, with a minimum of \$2 million allocated for each of the five boroughs, for a total of \$31 million.

#### **Byrne/Jag Funding**

• The Assembly restores the carve out of \$300,000 for the Assembly's share of Edward Byrne Memorial/Justice Assistance Grants.

#### **Capital Projects**

 The Assembly restores a \$10 million carve out for reproductive health centers and adds an additional \$10 million for Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes, for a total of \$45 million.

- The Assembly proposes to expand the eligible attorneys, eligibility period, and reimbursement amount for the New York State district attorney and indigent legal services attorney loan forgiveness program.
- The Assembly also proposes to reject the following Article VII proposals to:
  - o increase penalties for assaulting retail workers;
  - o establish criminal penalties for fostering the sale of stolen goods;
  - o expand the list of hate crime; and
  - o create the artificial intelligence deceptive practices act.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 State Board of Elections

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$168.4 million, an increase of \$10 million over the Executive proposal.

# **State Operations**

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

#### Aid to Localities

• The Assembly provides \$10 million for local Boards of Elections for increased costs related to a Presidential election year.

#### **Capital Projects**

 The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal by restoring language to ensure that funds for costs related to the purchase of electronic poll books based on the number of registered voters in a County.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of Employee Relations

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$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**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Executive Chamber and Office of the Lieutenant Governor

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$24.2 million.

# **State Operations**

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

#### **Aid to Localities**

• Not applicable.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of Financial Services (DFS)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$594.2 million, an increase of \$250,000 over the Executive proposal.

#### **State Operations**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

#### Aid to Localities

 The Assembly provides \$250,000 to restore the Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program.

#### **Capital Projects**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend the Physicians Excess Medical Malpractice Program for one year and reject provisions requiring participating providers to pay 50 percent of their excess coverage premium.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to require insurers with Office of Mental Health (OMH) or Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) facilities in their network to provide an annually set Medicaid-APG rate when reimbursing covered outpatient treatments for substance use disorders or mental health conditions.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to require auto insurers to provide supplemental spousal liability insurance to insureds that have a spouse.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to increase mental health parity fines to \$2,000 for each time an insurer willfully violates a state or federal mental health or substance use disorder law or regulation.

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to prohibit real property insurers from inquiring about on an application, increasing rates or denying coverage based on tenants' level of income or the presence of affordable housing units in a building.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to modify the methodology by which tax credits are issued to member insurers of the Life and Health Insurance Company Guaranty Corporation.
- The Assembly includes language to eliminate cost-sharing for epinephrine auto-injectors covered by commercial health insurers.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of General Services

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.4 billion.

# **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**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Division on Homeland Security and Emergency Services

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$9.1 billion.

# **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 suspend the subsidy to the Revolving Loan Fund from the Public Safety Communication Account for two additional fiscal years.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of Indigent Legal Services

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$459.5 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**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of the State Inspector General

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$11.1 million.

# **State Operations**

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

#### **Aid to Localities**

• Not applicable.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Interest on Lawyers Account

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$64.9 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**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Commission on Judicial Conduct

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$8.9 million, an increase of \$588,000 over the Executive proposal.

# **State Operations**

• The Assembly provides \$588,000 for the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

# Aid to Localities

• Not applicable.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of Law

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$374.2 million, an increase of \$2.1 million over the Executive proposal.

# **State Operations**

• The Assembly provides \$2.1 million for the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), for total funding of \$6.6 million.

#### 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**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Division of Military and Naval Affairs

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$271.4 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**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$17.9 million, an increase of \$50,000 over the Executive proposal.

# **State Operations**

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

#### Aid to Localities

• The Assembly restores \$50,000 for the family violence and women's rights clinic at the SUNY Buffalo law school.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# **Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.8 million.

# **State Operations**

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

#### **Aid to Localities**

• Not applicable.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Public Employment Relations Board

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$5.9 million.

# **State Operations**

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

#### **Aid to Localities**

• Not applicable.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (COELIG)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$8.1 million.

# **State Operations**

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

#### **Aid to Localities**

• Not applicable.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Division of State Police

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.2 billion, a decrease of \$7.4 million 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 reduces the Executive proposal by \$7.4 million which would be used for vehicles and equipment for the retail theft initiative.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Statewide Financial System

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$32 million.

# **State Operations**

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

#### **Aid to Localities**

• Not applicable.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of Information Technology Services (ITS)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.1 billion.

# **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**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of Victim Services

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$406.8 million, an increase of \$40 million over the Executive proposal.

# **State Operations**

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

#### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$20 million for victim service providers located in New York City.
- The Assembly provides \$20 million for victim service providers located outside of New York City.

# **Capital Projects**

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

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Workers Compensation Board

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$227.3 million.

#### **State Operations**

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

#### Aid to Localities

• Not applicable.

#### **Capital Projects**

Not applicable.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to include up to 40 hours of leave for prenatal care under Paid Family Leave. The Assembly proposal would instead explicitly include leave for prenatal care within employer-provided paid sick leave.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to provide scheduled increases to the weekly and maximum weekly benefit rates for temporary disability leave. The Assembly proposal would implement a consistent benefit rate across all weeks of disability leave, accelerate the scheduled increases, and reduce the phase-in timeline by one year. The Assembly proposal would also remove the ability of the Superintendent of the Department of Financial Services to delay the scheduled increases, create greater flexibility in the increments of payable temporary disability leave that can be taken, and create a waiver to the scheduled increases for those subject to an existing collective bargaining agreement.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 General State Charges

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$7.9 billion, an increase of \$24 million over the Executive proposal.

#### **State Operations**

• The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal appropriation language that would require the rate of interest paid upon any judgment or accrued claim to be calculated based on the market rate.

#### Aid to Localities

• Not applicable.

#### **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to eliminate lag payroll and salary withholding for certain Executive employees, non-judicial court officers and employees, and legislative employees hired on or after July 1, 2024, upon the appropriate body.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to end reimbursement of the Medicare Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount for premiums charged on and after January 1, 2024, made by the State to active or retired public employees and their dependents.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to authorize the president of the Civil Service Commission to require the payment of interest on late payments made by certain employers for the administration of the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) and authorize the director of the Budget to intercept funds paid by the State to such employers and direct such funds to the health insurance fund.

- The Assembly includes legislation that would establish a 20-year retirement plan for Regional State Park Police, police officers and forest rangers in the department of Environmental Conservation, and University Police.
- The Assembly includes legislation that would provide pension benefits for first grade New York City police officers who have served for 25 or 30 years.
- The Assembly includes legislation that would restore 20-year service retirement for New York City police officers hired on or before July 1, 2009.
- The Assembly includes legislation to allow members of the Voluntary Defined Contribution Program (VDC) to terminate their membership in such program and enroll in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System or the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, and receive credit in the retirement system for their service while a member of the VDC.
- The Assembly is committed to improving benefits provided under tier 6, thereby improving the ability of public employers' to recruit and retain a qualified workforce by offering meaningful incentives to new employees to state service, such as those in A9133 (Pheffer Amato) which would change the final average salary calculation for tier 6 members from the final 5 years, to the final 3 years, thus better rewarding current employees for their continued service. Such reforms would ensure that New York's dedicated public employees are more appropriately compensated for their service in retirement.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Miscellaneous: Public Protection and General Government

#### The Office of Civil Representation

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$10 million to establish a new Office of Civil Representation. The office would be established January 1, 2025 and provide Eviction Prevention Legal Services statewide for legal assistance in eviction proceedings, including supplementing the New York City program.

#### **Local Government Assistance**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$913.3 million, an increase of \$100 million over the Executive proposal.

#### Aid to Localities

• The Assembly provides an additional \$100 million in funding for Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) payments.

- The Assembly proposes to create the Office of Civil Representation, and establish a program to provide legal representation in eviction proceedings.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal that would allow New York City to legalize illegal basement and cellar apartment units.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to eliminate the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative, to make technical changes and include language that ensures State matching funds are made available for plans approved and submitted as of January 31, 2024. In addition, the Assembly makes the same conforming changes to the associated reappropriation for the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to increase the bond limit for the New York City Transitional Finance Authority (TFA) from \$13.5 billion to \$19.5 billion in July 2024 and to \$25.5 billion in July 2025, to first require the local share of the City University of New York (CUNY) Capital Plan be fully funded.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to increase the bond limit for the Battery Park City Authority from \$1.5 billion to \$2.5 billion.

# **Legislative Commissions**

• The Assembly proposes to add legislation that would extend the authority of various legislative commissions for one additional year.

# EDUCATION, LABOR & FAMILY ASSISTANCE

**By Agency** 

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of Veterans' Services

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$32.3 million, an increase of \$1.9 million over the Executive proposal.

# **State Operations**

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

#### Aid to Localities

• The Assembly provides \$1.9 million in restorations for various veterans' programs.

# **Capital Projects**

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

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 New York State Council on the Arts

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$109.4 million, an increase of \$59.4 million over the Executive proposal.

# **State Operations**

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

#### Aid to Localities

• The Assembly proposes \$59.4 million in additional grantmaking support for the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), for a total of \$100 million.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### **Article VII**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 City University of New York (CUNY)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$6.6 billion, an increase of \$773.9 million.

#### **State Operations**

- The Assembly provides \$124 million in new operating funds for CUNY, which includes the following initiatives:
  - \$75 million in additional operating support which includes \$4 million set-aside for the CUNY Medical School; and
  - \$49 million for collective bargaining costs.
- The Assembly supports funding CUNY collective bargaining costs as contracts are settled.
- The Assembly proposal:
  - o restores \$2.3 million for the School of Labor and Urban Studies, for a total of \$5.9 million;
  - o restores \$1.1 million for Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK) and provides a \$1.9 million increase, for a total of \$40.1 million;
  - o restores \$1 million for Expansion of Nursing Programs, for a total of \$2 million;
  - o restores \$1 million for Mental Health Services, for a total of \$2 million;
  - o restores \$350,000 for the W. Haywood Burns Chair in Human and Civil Rights; and
  - o restores \$2.5 million for other legislative adds.

#### Aid to Localities

• The Assembly provides an additional \$5.3 million for CUNY Community Colleges for the 2024-25 Academic Year (AY), for a total of \$223.6 million.

• The Assembly restores \$54,000 for College Discovery and provides a \$91,750 increase, for a total of \$1.9 million.

# **Capital Projects**

• The Assembly provides an additional \$535 million for expansion capital, for a total of \$635 million.

#### **Article VII**

• The Assembly proposes Article VII language that would require CUNY and SUNY to provide the Governor and Legislature with recommendations for a new community college funding formula that ensures predictable and reliable funding.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 State Education Department (SED)

The Assembly provides an All-Funds appropriation of \$50.9 billion, an increase of \$5.1 billion over the Executive proposal.

## **State Operations**

- The Assembly provides:
  - \$17 million for the Office of Cultural Education Revenue Stabilization funded by an increased fee:
  - \$1 million for a Foundation Aid funding formula study to allow the State Education Department (SED) to recommend updates and changes to the formula; and
  - \$500,000 for SED to review and update curriculum on the Holocaust.
- The Assembly restores:
  - o \$1 million for Summer School of the Arts; and
  - \$150,000 for Rochester Fiscal Consultant.

## Aid to Localities

### Formula Based Aid

- Under the Assembly proposal, State funding for school aid would total \$36.4 billion, an increase of \$1.1 billion over the Executive and \$1.8 billion over State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023-24. This includes a \$818.6 million increase to fully fund Foundation Aid, and includes a reallocation of the \$100 million supplemental Assistance Grant for Foundation Aid.
- The Assembly proposal restores the Foundation Aid Hold Harmless Provision, returns the inflation factor to a one-year calculation and provides a three percent minimum increase to Foundation Aid.

## • The Assembly proposes to:

- increase the salary cap aid for BOCES instructors from \$30,000 to \$40,000, phasing to \$60,000 over the next three years, at a cost of \$31.1 million for School Year 2024-25;
- begin phasing in support over the next three years for Special Services Aid for 9th graders, at a cost of \$20.5 million for School Year 2024-25;
- modify the Transportation After 4 language to provide \$5 million for the cap, and allow future growth in accordance with the Personal Income Growth Index, and expand the Transportation After 4 program to Sullivan County;
- provide an additional \$13.4 million in School Library Materials Aid to fund a reimbursement increase for library materials from \$6.25 per pupil to \$11 per pupil; and
- o increase Universal Prekindergarten funding by an additional \$125 million for Universal Prekindergarten, which includes:
  - \$62.5 million through the Statewide Universal Full Day Prekindergarten grant, which funds pupils at \$10,000 per pupil; and
  - \$62.5 million used to increase the minimum per pupil funding distributed via formula from \$5,400 to \$7,000 per pupil.

## **Nonpublic Schools**

• The Assembly provides \$5 million to Nonpublic STEM, for a total of \$78 million.

## **Special Education**

- The Assembly provides a \$4.6 million increase for Schools for the Blind and Deaf (4201 schools), for a total of \$116.5 million;
- The Assembly restores \$3.1 million in funding for all six individual 4201 schools:
  - o \$903,000 for the New York School for the Deaf;
  - o \$903,000 for the Henry Viscardi School;
  - o \$500,000 for the Mill Neck School for the Deaf;
  - \$500,000 for the Cleary School for the Deaf;
  - o \$150,000 for the St. Mary's School; and
  - o \$150,000 for the St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf.

## Office of Higher Education and the Professions

- The Assembly restores \$13.4 million for Bundy Aid for a total of \$35.1 million.
- The Assembly proposal:
  - o restores \$1.4 million for the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) and provides a \$2.4 million increase, for a total of \$50.7 million;
  - o restores \$636,000 for the Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) and provides a \$1.1 million increase, for a total of \$22.6 million;
  - o restores \$482,000 for the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) and provides a \$815,000 increase, for a total of \$17.1 million;
  - o restores \$738,000 for the Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) and provides a \$1.2 million increase, for a total of \$26.2 million;
  - o restores \$241,000 for the Foster Youth Initiative and provides a \$409,000 increase, for a total of \$8.6 million; and
  - o restores \$2 million for Students with Disabilities and provides a \$500,000 increase, for a total of \$4.5 million.

## **Cultural Education**

• The Assembly provides a \$2.5 million increase in funding for Library Aid over the Executive to the statutory funding level, for a total of \$104.6 million.

## **Other Programs**

- The Assembly provides an additional \$120 million to provide free school meals for all students.
- The Assembly provides an increase of \$12 million for My Brother's Keeper, for a total of \$30 million.
- The Assembly restores funding for the following programs:
  - \$18.7 million for Prior-Year Aid Claims;
  - o \$14.3 million for Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers;

- \$1.5 million for the Consortium for Worker Education, for a total of \$13 million;
- \$750,000 for State Appointed Monitors;
- \$500,000 for the Teacher Diversity Pipeline Pilot;
- o \$385,000 for Bilingual or Multilingual Training Programs for Teachers; and
- o \$10 million in funding for other Legislative adds.
- The Assembly modifies the Farm-to-School program to restore the subsidy to schools receiving State support for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

## **Capital Projects**

The Assembly proposal provides:

- a new \$2 billion Smart School Bond Act.
- \$34 million for Library Capital, for a total of \$68 million;
- \$20 million for Nonpublic School Health and Safety Grants, for a total \$65 million; and
- \$30 million in Capital Funding for Schools for the Blind and Deaf (4201 schools).

- The Assembly proposes the following Article VII legislation to:
  - o Increase the eligible limit on capital outlay projects from \$100,000 to \$250,000;
  - provide a Double Multi-Year Cost Allowance (MCA) for the Binghamton City School District; and
  - provide an increase from \$15 to \$25 for the Cultural Education Revenue deed recording fee that would provide an increase of \$17 million in revenue for the Office of Cultural Education.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposals to:
  - Provide the State Education Department additional time to develop best practices, remove definitions, and remove annual certification by school districts for the Executive Teaching of Reading proposal;
  - make permanent the authorizations for licensed pharmacists to perform collaborative drug therapy management with physicians in certain settings;

direct limited-service laboratories, and order and administer COVID-19 and influenza tests by extending such authorizations for two years;

- make permanent the authorization for physicians and certified nurse practitioners to prescribe and order non-patient specific regimens to RNs for administering COVID-19 and influenza tests by only extending such authorization for two years; and
- o make permanent certain provisions of the NY-SUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Program Act by only extending such provisions for three years.
- The Assembly rejects the following Executive proposals to:
  - freeze Reimbursable Aids to the lesser of the Executive proposal or updated data:
  - extend mayoral control for the New York City School District;
  - o remove the Smart Schools Review Board from law;
  - o require completion of the FAFSA, DREAM Act application, or a waiver form;
  - allow the sharing of student data between state agencies;
  - limit Unrestricted Aid to Private Colleges (Bundy Aid) to institutions of higher education with total endowment assets less than \$750 million;
  - expand the scope of practice for dentists, dental hygienists, physician assistants, and certified nurse aides;
  - authorize New York State to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and Nurse Licensure Compact;
  - o authorize medical assistants to administer immunizations under the supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner;
  - authorize direct support staff in non-facility OPWDD programs to provide nursing services under the instruction of a service recipient, family, or household member as determined by a RN;
  - authorize RNs to undertake the collection of specimens necessary to test for the hepatitis B virus; and

o authorize licensed pharmacists to execute non-patient specific orders for the dispensing of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP); and for administering immunizing agents to adults to prevent mpox pursuant to a patient specific or non-patient specific order.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of Children and Family Services

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$5.9 billion, an increase of \$320.8 million over the Executive proposal.

## **State Operations**

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

#### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$500 million, an increase of \$220 million over the Executive proposal, for Child Care Provider Wage Enhancements.
- The Assembly increases the carveout for Infant Toddler Resource centers by \$2.8 million, for a total of \$4.5 million, to increase Infant Toddler Mental Health Consultants (ITMHCs) staffing statewide.
- The Assembly includes \$250,000 for a Child Care Cost of Estimate Model Study to determine the actual cost of providing child care.
- The Assembly modifies language for the proposed Family Child Care Networks Pilot Program (FCCNs) to make provider recruitment and expansion in child care deserts a priority.
- The Assembly increases funding for child care within the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) by \$8.5 million, and decreases funding in the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) appropriation for the same purpose.
- The Assembly includes \$43.1 million to restore the State's child welfare reimbursement from 62 percent to 65 percent.
- The Assembly restores \$5 million for afterschool programs, for a total of \$105.8 million, and adds language to ensure that existing contracts are extended until a new contract process has been completed.
- The Assembly restores \$28.6 million to reject the Executive proposal to eliminate the state share for Committee on Special Education placements outside of New York City.

- The Assembly provides an additional \$5 million for Runaway and Homeless Youth funding, total of \$11.5 million.
- The Assembly restores the following programs that were eliminated by the Executive:
  - \$7.35 million for Facilitated Enrollment programs;
  - o \$5 million for Settlement Houses, an increase of \$2.6 million over SFY 2023-24;
  - o \$1.9 million for Kinship Care;
  - **o** \$1.5 million for the Youth Development Program;
  - o \$1 million for Safe Harbor: and
  - o \$100,000 for Kinship Navigator.

## **Capital Projects**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to permanently eliminate state reimbursement for residential Committee on Special Education placements made outside of New York City and for students attending a state-operated school for the deaf and blind.
- The Assembly includes a new proposal to require local social services districts to provide child care assistance for additional or different hours than a parent or caretaker spends at work, training, or educational activity.
- The Assembly includes a new proposal to require local social services districts to establish differential payment rates for child care services at fifteen percent higher than the actual cost of care or the market rate, whichever is less, when care is provided during non-traditional hours or for children experiencing homelessness.
- The Assembly includes a new proposal to require the Office of Children and Family Services to utilize a cost estimation model to determine the actual cost child care providers incur when providing care.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$10.5 billion, an increase of \$370 million over the Executive proposal.

## **State Operations**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

#### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$8.6 million in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) restorations to provide support for the following programs that were eliminated in the Executive Budget:
  - \$4.1 million for ATTAIN, an increase of \$100,000 over previous fiscal year;
  - \$1.4 million for Career Pathways;
  - **S800,000 for ACCESS**;
  - \$785,000 for Preventive Services;
  - \$475,000 for the Wage Subsidy Program;
  - \$334,000 for SUNY/CUNY Child Care;
  - \$200,000 for additional funding for Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services, for a total of \$3.2 million;
  - \$200,000 for the Jewish Child Care Association of New York;
  - o \$144,000 for Wheels for Work;
  - o \$82,000 for the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority; and
  - \$25.000 for Centro of Oneida
- The Assembly includes \$200 million to establish the Increasing Nutrition Support for Prenatal and Infant Residency (INSPIRE) program, to provide cash assistance to low-income households during the last three months of pregnancy and though the first years of a child's life.
- The Assembly provides \$145 million to establish a supplemental basic grant for public assistance, intended to address the insufficiency of benefits that have not been adjusted

in years. This would include covering the local shares of Safety Net costs for this increase through County Fiscal Year 2024.

- The Assembly provides an additional \$50 million for anti-poverty programs to expand access to additional localities to be distributed by OTDA to localities with high child poverty rates.
- The Assembly restores \$15 million for Eviction Prevention Legal Services, for a total of \$50 million, to expand services statewide.
- The Assembly provides a \$5 million increase to the Summer Youth Employment Program, for a total of \$55 million.
- The Assembly restores \$5 million for the Refugee Resettlement Program, for a total of \$7 million.
- The Assembly includes \$2.5 million to provide aid to nonprofit organizations resettling asylum seekers outside of New York City.
- The Assembly restores \$2 million for the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP), for a total of \$5.5 million.
- The Assembly restores \$1.5 million for the Disability Advocacy Program (DAP), for a total of \$6.8 million.
- The Assembly includes \$1.5 million for the National Diaper Bank Network.

## **Capital Projects**

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

- The Assembly would accept the authorization of the Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) pass-through for 2025.
- The Assembly would include a proposal to establish a new Supplemental Basic Grant allowance for basic needs, for families and individuals receiving public assistance.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$122.3 million.

## **State Operations**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$118.3 million for the following changes to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), including:
  - Increasing the TAP income threshold:
    - from \$80,000 to \$125,000 for dependent students, certain independent students, and students who qualify as an orphan, foster child or ward of the court:
    - from \$40,000 to \$60,000 for independent married students who have no other tax dependents; and
    - from \$10,000 to \$30,000 for single independent students who have no tax dependents.
  - raising the minimum TAP award from \$500 to \$1,000;
  - allowing a fifth year of TAP awards; and
  - providing Part-Time TAP to Proprietary College students.
- The Assembly provides \$2 million in funding to increase the income limit for the Get on Your Feet (GOYF) Loan Forgiveness Program, from \$50,000 to \$66,000.
- The Assembly restores \$1 million for the Senator Patricia K. McGee Nursing Faculty Scholarship, for a total of \$4.9 million.
- The Assembly provides \$1 million for the creation of financial aid resources.

## **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

- The Assembly proposes Article VII language that would prohibit HESC from seeking recovery on certain TAP award overpayments made between the 2020-21 and 2022-23 academic years.
- The Assembly requires the creation and distribution of resources on post-secondary financial aid programs, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and would require school districts to distribute the resources and conduct an annual presentation to their students.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Division of Housing and Community Renewal

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$2.5 billion, an increase of \$2.1 billion over the Executive proposal.

The Assembly is committed to addressing the state's affordable housing shortage by enacting statewide polices that protect tenants from arbitrary and capricious rent increases and unreasonable evictions of paying tenants, ensure strong labor standards, provide development incentives including for office conversions, increase much needed affordable housing supply and support existing Mitchell-Lama programs.

The Assembly supports the concept of the lease and transfer of state land to address the statewide shortage of affordable housing that impacts renters and homeowners alike and remains open to a solution that includes: a comprehensive description of the benefits to the surrounding communities, a specific description of the parcels of land to be leased or transferred and conveyed and the entities to whom the lands would be leased or transferred and conveyed, closing within a specified time period, appropriate labor standards, reversion to the state if the land ceases to be used for the stated public purpose, and provisions that ensure the availability of an affordable housing supply.

## **State Operations**

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

#### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$250 million for the Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP).
- The Assembly restores \$40 million for the Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP).
- The Assembly restores \$25 million for the First Time Homeowner Assistance Program.
- The Assembly restores \$10 million for Land Banks.
- Mortgage Insurance Fund: The Assembly provides an additional \$4.8 million transfer from the Mortgage Insurance Fund (MIF) for the Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) and an additional \$2.2 million for Rural Preservation Programs (RPP), for a total of \$25.2 million. The Assembly carves out \$250,000 for Neighborhood Preservation

Companies and Rural Preservation Companies for administration costs for each program.

## **Capital Projects**

- The Assembly supports assisting individuals who are exiting incarceration in their need for permanent, stable housing. The Assembly recommends that no less than \$125 million of the \$1.5 billion appropriated for supportive housing in the 5-year Housing Plan be directed to assist individuals and who have been incarcerated that are at risk of or facing homelessness.
- The Assembly provides \$500 million for Foundations for Futures.
- The Assembly provides an additional \$500 million for Mitchell-Lama Preservation and Home Ownership.
- The Assembly provides \$500 million for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA).
- The Assembly provides \$150 million for Public Housing outside of New York City for rehabilitation and replacement for new construction.
- The Assembly provides \$50 million for Amalgamated Housing Cooperative.
- The Assembly provides \$50 million for Co-op City Riverbay Corporation.
- The Assembly provides \$10 million for Starrette City.
- The Assembly provides \$10 million for Tracey Towers.
- The Assembly restores \$7 million for the Small Rental Housing Development Initiative.
- The Assembly provides \$7 million for the Housing Opportunities Program for the Elderly (includes RESTORE program), for a total of \$8.4 million.
- The Assembly provides \$2 million for Access to Home, for a total of \$3 million.

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal authorizing New York City and the Urban Development Corporation to pursue the construction of taller residential buildings by deviating from the state law capping the floor area ratio of a building.
- The Assembly proposes language to create a housing access voucher program for eligible individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- The Assembly proposes language to require the Commissioner to develop and administer a new statewide limited equity cooperative program to provide affordable homeownership opportunities to low- and middle- income families.
- The Assembly proposes language to require the Commissioner to connect eligible tenants and nonprofit housing organizations with the multitude of homeownership programs funded within the state's multi-year housing program.
- The Assembly proposes language that would define pro-housing funding eligibility, provide a variety of options for a municipality to be designated a Pro-Housing Community, and require an annual report on the Pro-Housing Community program.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Division of Human Rights

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$28.9 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 2024-25 Department of Labor

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$7.3 billion, an increase of \$7.6 million over the Executive proposal.

Despite statutory increases to the unemployment benefit rates that were scheduled to occur through October 2026, the maximum benefit rate has remained stagnant since October 2019. The Assembly is open to considering options that will implement the rates at the level established in law so that workers can regain their livelihoods and better keep pace with the current economic climate. In addition, assistance is needed from the federal government to help absorb the state's remaining unemployment insurance debt and deliver relief to small businesses in New York.

## **State Operations**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly includes funding for the following programs:
  - o \$5.1 million for various labor initiatives;
  - \$1.9 million in funding for the Displaced Homemaker Program, an increase of \$300,000 over the SFY 2023-24 level;
  - \$350,000 in funding for the New York Committee on Occupational Safety and Health, a restoration of the State Fiscal Year 2023-24 level;
  - \$150,000 for the Sexual Harassment Prevention program at Cornell University, a restoration of the SFY 2023-24 level; and
  - \$50,000 for the Labor Relations School of Cornell Criminal Records Program, a restoration of the SFY 2023-24 level.

### **Capital Projects**

Not applicable.

- The Assembly rejects language requiring employers to provide paid break time of up to twenty minutes for breast milk expression.
- The Assembly rejects a proposal to exempt certain violations relating to frequency of pay requirements for employers of manual workers from being subject to liquidated damages.
- The Assembly rejects language that would authorize the Department of Labor to seize
  an employer's assets who has violated certain wage payment requirements and
  authorize the Department to direct the county sheriff to levy upon and sell an
  employer's real and personal property to satisfy the stolen wages and other associated
  costs.
- The Assembly rejects the repeal COVID-19 sick leave provisions relating to paid sick leave and certain employee benefits as of July 31, 2024.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 State of New York Mortgage Agency

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$198.5 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**

• Not applicable.

## **Article VII**

• Not applicable.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 State University of New York (SUNY)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$14.5 billion, an increase of \$1.1 billion.

## **State Operations**

- The Assembly provides \$186.5 million in new operating funds for SUNY, which includes the following initiatives:
  - o \$100 million in additional operating support; and
  - \$86.5 million for collective bargaining costs.
- The Assembly proposal would shift the cost of SUNY Hospital debt service from the hospitals to the State, saving the SUNY Hospitals \$79.1 million.
- The Assembly proposal:
  - o restores \$1.3 million for the Educational Opportunity Program and provides an increase of \$2.2 million, for a total of \$45.9 million;
  - o restores \$1 million for Mental Health Services, for a total of \$2 million;
  - o restores \$1 million for High Need Nursing Programs, for a total of \$2 million;
  - o restores \$1 million for the SUNY Maritime appointments, for a total of \$1.2 million;
  - o restores \$433,000 for the Immigrant Integration Research and Policy Center;
  - o restores \$350,000 for the Black Leadership Institute:
  - o provides \$350,000 for the Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Leadership Institute; and
  - o restores \$350,000 for other legislative adds.

#### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides an additional \$11.1 million for SUNY Community Colleges for the 2024-25 Academic Year (AY).
- The Assembly restores \$1.7 million for Cornell Cooperative Extension, for a total of \$6.2 million.

# **Capital Projects**

- The Assembly provides \$670 million for expansion capital, for a total of \$770 million.
- The Assembly provides \$150 million for SUNY Hospitals capital.

- The Assembly proposal includes legislation to require SUNY and CUNY to provide the Governor and Legislature with recommendations for a new community college funding formula that ensures predictable and reliable funding.
- The Assembly proposes to require project labor agreements for large scale SUNY construction fund projects that would cost \$3 million or more.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of Welfare Inspector General

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.4 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 2024-25 Miscellaneous: Education, Labor, and Family Assistance

Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$100 million.

**Capital Projects** 

• The Assembly provides \$100 million for the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program to support capital projects for eligible nonprofit human services organizations.

**Higher Education Facilities Capital Matching Grants Program** 

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$40 million, a \$40 million increase over the Executive proposal.

**Capital Projects** 

• The Assembly provides \$40 million for the Higher Education Capital Matching Grants Program (HECap).

## Raise the Age

The Assembly modifies the Raise the Age appropriation to ensure all localities can receive state reimbursement under this program and carves out \$50 million of the total appropriated funds to be used for community based prevention, early intervention, and alternatives to detention.

**Arts and Cultural Facilities Improvement Program** 

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$100 million, a \$50 million increase over the Executive proposal.

## **Capital Projects**

• The Assembly provides an additional \$50 million for the Arts and Cultural Facilities Improvement Program which would provide facility enhancement grants to small and mid-sized organizations, to be administered by the New York State Council on the Arts. This funding would require regional balance in the selection of awards and does not place matching requirements upon grant recipients.

# **HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE**

**By Agency** 

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 State Office for the Aging (SOFA)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$420.9 million, an increase of \$52.6 million over the Executive proposal.

## **State Operations**

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

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$42 million to alleviate SOFA waitlists for services.
- The Assembly provides \$1 million to restore funding for nursing services.
- The Assembly provides \$2.5 million for the expansion of Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) and Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NNORC) in various areas of the State.
- The Assembly provides \$1.3 million to restore funding for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.
- The Assembly provides \$1.1 million to restore funding for the Holocaust Survivors Initiative.
- The Assembly provides \$4.8 million to restore various legislative adds.

### **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

#### Article VII

• The Assembly proposal rejects the Executive proposal to establish an elder justice coordinating council within the State Office for the Aging.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Council on Developmental Disabilities

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.8 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 2024-25 Department of Health

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$131.5 billion, an increase of \$11.2 billion over the Executive proposal.

The Assembly Majority is committed to ensuring that home care services are widely accessible to all enrollees of Medicaid who rely on them to remain safe and healthy within their communities. The Executive Budget includes several cuts to address rising trends in utilization of home care services, particularly in the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP) which is a primary driver contributing to Medicaid expenditure outpacing the Global Cap. For this reason, the Assembly Majority believes it is vital to find administrative efficiencies in the program by carving out home care services from the Managed Long-Term Care (MLTC) program and shifting them to a Managed Fee-For-Service (MFFS) model administered directly by the Department of Health.

The Assembly Majority is also committed to addressing health equity and maintaining access to healthcare services in underserved areas. The proposed transformation plan that would close SUNY Downstate is particularly troubling due to the lack of community engagement and feedback throughout the process. For this reason, the Assembly Majority will ensure that capital and operating funding included in the budget be used to maintain the future viability of SUNY Downstate as a vital safety-net provider.

The Assembly Majority is also committed to ensuring that community-based providers maintain their ability to provide high quality, patient-centered care to underserved communities across the State. To facilitate this goal, the Assembly Majority recognizes the need to reform the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General's (OMIG) auditing practices and re-examining the use of extrapolation in instances where administrative errors are found in provider records rather than fraud and abuse. Human errors should be corrected, but they should not result in multi-million-dollar recoupments by OMIG for high quality services that have already been rendered.

The Assembly Majority is also committed to providing coverage for all low-income New Yorkers who are left without access to health care coverage. All income-eligible New York State residents, including all immigrants, should be eligible for coverage under the Essential Plan.

The Assembly Majority supports expanding the hospital financial assistance law and is committed to strengthening medical debt consumer protections to ensure that low-income and uninsured New Yorkers can receive the care they need without the fear of facing financial ruin.

## **State Operations**

• The Assembly provides \$850,000 to restore funding for section 405.5 hospital audits.

#### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly establishes a tax on Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to generate additional revenue that could be used for investments in the Medicaid program.
  - The MCO tax generates \$4 billion in receipts from Managed Care plans. This revenue is be used by the State to repay the tax obligation for each plan through their capitated rates. This repayment generates an additional \$4 billion in federal funding to then be used by the State as the non-federal share of investments in the Medicaid program.
  - The Assembly reinvests \$3.1 billion into Medicaid programs, including:
    - \$930 million to increase Medicaid rates across the board by three percent;
    - \$407 million to increase hospital rates by 7.5 percent;
    - \$500 million to create a new Hospital Directed Payment Template (DPT) program;
    - \$205 million to increase nursing home rates by 7.5 percent;
    - \$13.5 million to increase Assisted Living Program rates by 7.5 percent;
    - \$30 million for Certified Home Health Agencies;
    - \$28.5 million to alleviate State Office for the Aging (SOFA) waitlists; and
    - \$949 million to restore unallocated Medicaid reductions, as well as other reductions outlined in the Executive Budget.
  - \$938 million in unallocated funding derived from the MCO tax would be reserved for future investments in the Medicaid program.
- The Assembly provides \$21.3 million to restore the hospital capital rate add-on.
- The Assembly provides \$75 million to maintain the \$100 million per year VAPAP program.
- The Assembly provides \$28.5 million to restore the nursing home capital rate add-on.
- The Assembly provides \$200.4 million to restore CDPAP wage parity.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposed unallocated long term care savings and CDPAP rate reduction with \$200 million in savings achieved by alleviating SOFA waitlists.

- The Assembly provides \$51.8 million to maintain the MLTC Quality Pool.
- The Assembly rejects the proposal to institute liquidated damages against plans who fail to comply with the model contract.
- The Assembly rejects the competitive procurement of MCOs in the Medicaid program.
- The Assembly provides \$60 million to maintain the MC Quality Pool.
- The Assembly provides \$7.5 million to maintain the Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) process in Medicaid MC.
- The Assembly saves \$67 million by raising the, Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) for MC and MLTC from 89 percent to 91 percent.
- The Assembly provides \$9.4 million to reject the Executive proposal to enhance pharmacy integration of specialty drug management.
- The Assembly provides \$5 million to restore prescriber prevails.
- The Assembly provides \$5 million to reject the Executive proposal to modify the Medicaid drug cap.
- The Assembly provides \$18 million to maintain over-the-counter pharmaceutical coverage.
- The Assembly rejects the elimination of the health home program.
- The Assembly provides \$7.3 million to increase, the Early Intervention (EI) reimbursement by a total of 11 percent.
- The Assembly provides \$5 million to increase payments to providers for medication assisted abortion.
- The Assembly saves \$100,000 by rejecting the Executive proposal to allow RNs to administer hepatitis testing without a non-patient specific standing order.
- The Assembly saves \$1 million by rejecting the Executive proposal to use an "opt out" approach for routine HIV testing.
- The Assembly saves \$500,000 by rejecting the Executive proposal to allow providers to prescribe a 3-day supply of buprenorphine.

- The Assembly saves \$800,000 million by rejecting the Executive proposal to allow pharmacists to administer vaccines, screen for diseases, and dispense medication.
- The Assembly provides \$39.3 million to restore the excess medical malpractice program.
- The Assembly provides \$13 million to restore various public health programs.
- The Assembly sweeps \$6.3 million in funding for Older Adult Care Teams to SOFA to alleviate waitlists.
- The Assembly sweeps \$7.2 million in funding for Respite for Family Caregivers to SOFA to alleviate waitlists.
- The Assembly provides \$22 million to restore funding for the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP).
- The Assembly provides \$25 million for Nourish NY.
- The Assembly provides \$7.5 million to restore funding for the Tobacco Control Program.
- The Assembly provides \$2.5 million to restore funding for the Cancer Services Program.
- The Assembly provides \$4 million to increase EI reimbursement by a total of 11 percent.
- The Assembly provides \$3.8 million to restore funding for School Based Health Centers.
- The Assembly provides \$1 million to restore funding for the Nurse Family Partnership program.
- The Assembly provides \$500,000 to restore funding for the Diversity in Medicine program.
- The Assembly provides \$9.5 million to restore various legislative adds.

### **Capital Projects**

The Assembly provides \$1 billion for healthcare facility capital needs.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend various provisions of the public health law, mental hygiene law, insurance law, state finance law, and social services law to align with historic practices; and includes a new proposal to extend the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program by one year.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to reduce the capital rate add-on for Hospitals by an additional ten percent; accepts the Executive proposal to extend the distressed provider assistance program through 2028; and accepts the Executive proposal to align the Medicaid upper payment limit with the calendar year beginning in 2025.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to establish a rate freeze on the operating component of skilled nursing facility rates until a new case mix methodology is developed by amending the date of the freeze to October, 2023; rejects the Executive proposal to reduce the capital cost component payment in skilled nursing home rates by an additional ten percent; and accepts the Executive proposal to decrease the length of the residency requirement for admission into veterans nursing homes from one year to six months.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to codify the special needs assisted living residence voucher demonstration program and rejects the Executive proposal to require the Department of Health to establish quality reporting and accreditation requirements for assisted living residences.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate wage parity for personal assistants performing consumer directed personal assistance (CDPAP) services.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate the Independent Dispute Resolution process for health care services under the Medicaid program; rejects the Executive proposal to institute a moratorium on the establishment of all managed care plans and require the Commissioner of Health (COH) to competitively procure managed care plans to administer the Medicaid program; rejects the Executive proposal to authorize DOH to impose and recover liquidated damages on violations of the managed care model contract; and accepts the Executive proposal to repeal a one percent Medicaid rate increase for Medicaid managed care organizations.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal that would enable the Commissioner of Health to modify over-the-counter drugs covered by Medicaid; rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate prescriber prevails protections under Medicaid Fee-For-Service and Managed Care; rejects the Executive proposal to replace the Medicaid Drug Cap with a supplemental rebate program; rejects the Executive proposal to require cost

reporting from pharmacies; and rejects the Executive proposal to amend the payment methodology for physician administered drugs.

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to delay the benefit of Long-Term Services and Supports for Essential Plan enrollees by one year.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate several public health related programs including, the "EQUAL program" for adult care facilities, the Tick-Borne Disease Institute, the empire clinical research investigation program, and DOH's contract with the Medical Society of the State of New York Committee for Physician Health.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to allow children under the age of six to remain continuously enrolled in Medicaid or Child Health Plus by including language from A.8146 (Gonzalez-Rojas) providing the ability for a parent or guardian to enroll their child in Medicaid or Child Health Plus at any time.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to authorize the Commissioner of Health to
  issue a non-patient specific statewide standing order for the provision of doula services
  for up to twelve-months postpartum; rejects the Executive proposal to allow pregnant
  minors to consent to all health care services; and rejects the Executive proposal to
  establish a right for health care practitioners to provide contraceptive devices or
  medications to all individuals under the Reproductive Health Act.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to expand the Hospital Financial Assistance Law.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to require every physician to submit negative HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and syphilis tests to DOH; rejects the Executive proposal to allow notice of HIV tests orally, electronically, or by prominent signage; rejects the Executive proposal to allow pharmacists to dispense HIV Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and administer mpox vaccinations; and rejects the Executive proposal to repeal misdemeanor charges related to venereal disease.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to define public health surveillance provisions to collect controlled substance related health data; rejects the Executive proposal to expand the retention of Controlled Substance records from five years to 10 years; rejects the Executive proposal to place additional controlled substances, including Xylazine, on the state controlled substance list; rejects the Executive proposal to allow certain providers to dispense a three day supply of a controlled substance for the treatment of a substance use disorder; and rejects the Executive proposal to make technical changes to terminology related to people with a substance use disorder.

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to expand the hospital-home carephysician collaborative to include additional professions and facilities; rejects the
  Executive proposal to establish the Hospital at Home program for hospitals to provide
  acute-level care outside of the facility; rejects the Executive proposal to extend the
  community paramedicine demonstration program to March 31, 2031 and expand the
  number of programs included; rejects the Executive proposal to classify EMS as an
  "essential service" and require county-based responses to emergency calls; rejects the
  Executive proposal to authorize the DOH to license emergency medical technicians; and
  rejects the Executive proposal to establish paramedic urgent care programs.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to allow any contracts to be entered, or any contract amendments to occur for the purposes of effectuating the Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver without a competitive bid or request for proposal.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to repeal and replace the procurement process for Fiscal Intermediaries (Fis) under the CDPAP and with an authorization process by DOH; rejects the Executive proposal to authorize DOH to make regulations on personal assistant selection criteria, training requirements, and maximum number of hours worked for personal assistants in CDPAP; rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate conflicts of interest in CDPAP between Managed Long Term Care Plans, Licensed Home Care Services Agencies and FIs; and rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate the role of a legal guardian or designated representative in assisting a CDPAP consumer to making choices about the type and quality of services under the program.
- The Assembly includes a proposal to increase the in-person reimbursement rate for Early Intervention services by 11 percent and include an additional four percent modifier for in person services provided in rural or underserved areas.
- The Assembly includes a proposal to allow school-based health centers to remain permanently carved out of Medicaid Managed Care, remaining in Medicaid Fee for Service.
- The Assembly includes a proposal that would establish the Medicaid Investment Fund to reserve revenue derived from the MCO tax, establish authorized purposes of the funds, and exclude these funds from the calculation of the Medicaid Global Cap.
- The Assembly includes a proposal that would guarantee full Medicaid reimbursement for telehealth services delivered by federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) regardless of the location of the professional or patient, or the modality of the service.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$57.5 million.

The Assembly Majority is committed to ensuring that community-based providers maintain their ability to provide high quality, patient-centered care to underserved communities across the State. To facilitate this goal, the Assembly Majority recognizes the need to reform the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General's (OMIG) auditing practices and re-examining the use of extrapolation in instances where administrative errors are found in provider records rather than fraud and abuse. Human errors should be corrected but should not result in multi-million-dollar recoupments by OMIG for high quality services that have already been rendered.

## **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 2024-25 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 2024-25 Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.2 billion, an increase of \$17.7 million over the Executive proposal.

### **State Operations**

• The Assembly provides \$5 million to address co-occurring disorders in the State Addiction Treatment Centers (ATCs).

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to eliminate \$11.4 million in funding to support various existing addiction recovery services.
- The Assembly provides \$1 million in funding for Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialists (SAPIS).
- The Assembly provides \$250,000 to support various legislative adds.

### **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 2024-25 Office of Mental Health (OMH)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$7.6 billion, an increase of \$10.3 million over the Executive proposal.

### **State Operations**

• The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to include \$22 million to open 125 new inpatient psychiatric beds by providing an additional \$3 million to open 15 additional children's beds.

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$1 million to the Peer Bridger program.
- The Assembly provides \$1 million to fund the Intensive and Sustained Engagement Treatment (INSET) program.
- The Assembly provides \$2 million to implement a Daniel's Law Pilot Program.
- The Assembly provides \$2 million for Crisis Intervention Teams.
- The Assembly provides \$1.3 million to restore various legislative priorities from the previous year.

### **Capital Projects**

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

### Article VII

• The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal that would make permanent the Community Mental Health Support and Workforce Reinvestment Program by extending the program for an additional three years.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal that would make the authority for agencies under the Department of Mental Hygiene to design and implement time limited demonstration programs permanent by extending the authority for an additional year.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal that would make the authority for the office of Mental Health (OMH) to designate general hospitals, local governmental units, and voluntary agencies to apply and be issued an operating certificate for the operation of a Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) permanent by extending the authority for four years.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal that would establish a 1.5 percent COIA for the 2024-2025 State Fiscal Year for programs within OMH, the Office of Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), the Office of Temporary Disability and Assistance (OTDA), and the State Office for the Aging (SOFA), by increasing the COIA to 3.2 percent and require that the COIA be used solely to increase the wages of direct care staff, direct support professionals, and clinical staff.
- The Assembly includes a proposal that would require OMH to establish a statewide grant program to develop peer-to-peer mental health programs for first responders, including firefighters, police officers, 911 operators, emergency dispatchers, and emergency medical services personnel.
- The Assembly includes a proposal that would require the Daniel's Law Task Force to establish one or more pilot programs to support community-led and public health responses for persons experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$7.6 billion, an increase of \$1.2 million over the Executive proposal.

### **State Operations**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly rejects the Executive's proposal permitting certain nursing tasks to be performed by direct care staff, which would have alleviated \$700,000 in state spending.
- The Assembly provides \$530,000 to restore legislative priorities from the previous year.

### **Capital Projects**

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

### **Article VII**

The Assembly proposes to modify the Executive proposal to make permanent the authority of mental hygiene facility directors to act as federally appointed representative payees for the care and treatment of individuals receiving services by re-authorizing this law for an additional three years.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$63.1 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 proposal rejects the Executive proposal to modify the reporting obligations of the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs to the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General in relation to reporting instances of abuse and neglect.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Miscellaneous: Health and Mental Health

### **Cost of Living Adjustment**

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$145.9 million.

### **State Operations**

• Not applicable.

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly modifies the Executive's proposal by increasing the Human Services cost of living adjustment (COLA) by 1.7 percent for a total of 3.2 percent. The State Fiscal Year cost for the additional 1.7 percent COLA for the Human Services agencies would be \$145.9 million, including:
  - o \$83.8 million for the Office for People with Disabilities;
  - o \$41.8 million for the Office of Mental Health;
  - o \$10.5 million for the Office of Addiction Services and Supports;
  - o \$3.8 million for the State Office of the Aging;
  - o \$5.8 million for the Office of Children and Family Services; and
  - o \$120,000 for the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance.

### **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

### Article VII

Not applicable.

# TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

**By Agency** 

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Adirondack Park Agency

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$6.6 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 2024-25 Department of Agriculture and Markets

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$343.5 million, an increase of \$18.9 million over the Executive proposal.

### **State Operations**

 The Assembly makes a technical change to appropriation language to conform with the proposed transfer of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting to the Department of Public Service.

#### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$61.3 million for Aid to Localities programs, an increase of \$12.4 million over the Executive proposal as follows:
  - \$1 million for the New York Farm Viability Institute, for a total of \$2 million;
  - o \$750,000 for Grow NYC Food Access Sites;
  - \$717,000 for the New York State Apple Growers Association, for a total of \$1.2 million;
  - \$600,000 for American Farmland Trust, Farmland for a New Generation;
  - o \$225,000 for the Northeast Organic Farming Association;
  - \$200,000 for Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship;
  - \$150,000 for Hop Growers of New York;
  - o \$98,000 for the Maple Producers Association, for a total of \$250,000;
  - \$60,000 for the Empire Sheep Producers Association;
  - o \$59,000 for New York State Cider Association, for a total of \$135,000; and
  - \$50,000 for Local Fairs, for a total of \$550,000.
- The Assembly fully restores the following:
  - \$1 million for Economically and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers;
  - \$1 million for the Beginner Farmers Fund;
  - o \$1 million for Cornell Agrivoltaics;
  - o \$481,000 for Cornell University "Core" Diagnostic Lab, for a total of \$8.8 million;
  - \$300,000 for Northern New York Agricultural Development;
  - o \$300,000 for Cornell Hops Breeding Research and Extension;
  - \$250,000 for Cornell Pro Dairy, for a total of \$1.46 million;
  - \$250,000 for Cornell Pro-Livestock;

- \$150,000 for the New York Wine and Grape Foundation, for a total of \$1.2 million;
- \$110,000 for Agriculture Migrant Child Care, for a total of \$10.4 million;
- o \$100,000 for Black Farmers United of New York State, for a total of \$200,000;
- o \$100,000 for Cannabis Association of New York;
- o \$100,000 for the John May Farm Safety Fund;
- o \$75,000 for Cornell Maple Research, for a total of \$151,000;
- o \$75,000 for Cornell Vegetable Research, for a total of \$126,000;
- \$50,000 for Cornell Malting Barley Research and Extension, for a total of \$353,000;
- o \$50,000 for Cornell Concord Grape Research, for a total of \$252,000;
- \$49,000 for New York Corn and Soybean Growers Association, for a total of \$125,000;
- \$24,000 for New York State Distillers Guild, for a total of \$100,000;
- o \$24,000 for New York State Brewers Association, for a total of \$100,000; and
- o \$20,000 for Cornell Onion Research, for a total of \$71,000.
- The Assembly transfers the following out of the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and back to the Department of Agriculture and Markets:
  - o \$2,325,000 for Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program; and
  - o \$700,000 for Farmers Market Resiliency Grant Program.

### **Capital Projects**

• The Assembly provides \$6.5 million to expand the New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Lab & Animal Health Diagnostic Center.

#### Article VII

• The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal that would allow the Department of Agriculture and Markets to set weighmaster license and application fees by regulation instead of at \$15 as is required by current law.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of Economic Development

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$121.8 million, an increase of \$21.4 million over the Executive proposal.

### **State Operations**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly restores \$1 million in support for additional local tourism matching grants, which was eliminated in the Executive proposal.
- The Assembly provides additional support for the following programs:
  - \$9.0 million for the Centers of Excellence, thereby allocating a total of \$1.5 million for each center:
  - \$8.9 million for the Centers for Advance Technology, thereby allocating a total of \$1.5 million for each center;
  - \$1.3 million to increase the number of State Certified Incubators from 20 to 30;
  - \$500,000 for the 10 Regional Hotspot Programs, thereby allocating a total of \$300,000 for each Hotspot; and
  - expands the appropriation language within the New York State Hot Spots and Incubator program to allow for costs associated with the administration and coordination of regional hot spots throughout the State.
- The Assembly provides \$500,000 to create an Eastern NY satellite to the Cornell Center of Excellence for Food and Agriculture.
- The Assembly provides \$250,000 to establish a new Center of Excellence in RNA Research and Therapeutics with the University of Rochester and the University at Albany.

# **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

### Article VII

• The Assembly includes reporting language related to the effectiveness of economic development and workforce development programs.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$25.8 million.

### **State Operations**

• Not applicable.

### Aid to Localities

Not applicable.

### **Capital Projects**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend the Build Ready program for five years by restricting the use of agricultural land and prioritizing dormant electric generation sites.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend for one year the authorization for New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to receive funds from an assessment on utilities by requiring several studies including:
  - o expanding the use of microgrids;
  - o identifying current and future charging station needs for better coordination of grid infrastructure updates; and
  - repurposing dormant electric generation sites.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of Environmental Conservation

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$2.5 billion, an increase of \$250 million over the Executive proposal.

The Assembly is supportive of holding fossil fuel polluters accountable for costs related to climate change via a cost-recovery method; however, any such approach cannot impact consumers who are already overburdened by adverse price increases.

### **State Operations**

• The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to provide \$30.6 million in State Operations for costs associated with the administration of the Environmental Bond Act, by including appropriation language for the implementation of the municipal stormwater grant program.

#### Aid to Localities

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

### **Capital Projects**

- The Assembly provides \$400 million for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and rejects the Executive proposal to divert \$25 million for personal service costs. The Assembly makes the following increases:
  - \$5.5 million for land acquisition, for a total of \$40 million, an increase of \$1.1 million above SFY 2023-24; and
  - \$750,000 for the Finger Lakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLLOWPA), for a total of \$3.5 million, an increase of \$750,000 above SFY 2023-24.
- The Assembly restores the following:
  - o \$3.25 million for municipal parks, for a total of \$26 million;
  - \$3 million for Zoos, Botanical Gardens, and Aquaria (ZBGA), for a total of \$20 million;

- \$3 million for municipal recycling, for a total of \$19 million;
- o \$2.75 million for farmland protection, for a total of \$21 million;
- \$2 million for Environmental Health, for a total of \$11.25 million. This includes fully restoring the suballocation for Children's Health Centers to \$4 million.
- o \$1.5 million for Invasive Species, for a total of \$18.5 million;
- \$1.5 million for the Oceans and Great Lakes initiative, for a total of \$22.5 million;
- o \$1.4 million for Climate Adaptation Projects, for a total of \$7.9 million;
- o \$1.3 million for Waterfront Revitalization, for a total of \$14.3 million;
- \$1 million for Environmental Justice, for a total of \$13 million;
- \$1 million for the Water quality Improvement program, for a total of \$22 million;
- \$500,000 for agriculture non-point source Pollution Control for a total of \$19.5 million;
- o \$250,000 for the Hudson River Estuary Plan, for a total of \$7.5 million; and
- \$200,000 for non-agriculture non-point source pollution control for a total of \$6.2 million.
- The Assembly decreases funding for Public Access and Stewardship by \$900,000, for a total of \$46.1 million.
- The Assembly proposes to transfer out of the EPF the following:
  - \$2.3 million for the Urban Farms and Community Garden Grants Program, and \$700,000 for the Farmers Market Resiliency Grant Program, to the Department of Ag and Markets where these programs have traditionally been funded; and
  - \$1.25 million for the Adirondack Loj Road resurfacing project, to the Olympic Regional Development Authority.
- The Assembly makes the following suballocations:
  - \$2.1 million for the Timbuctoo Climate Science and Careers Summer Institute;
  - \$2 million for the Survey of Climate Chance and Adirondack Lake Ecosystems (SCALE);
  - o \$2 million for Adirondack and Catskill Park overuse, for a total of \$10 million;
  - \$1 million for municipal grants for EV fast chargers;
  - o \$500,000 for Camp Santanoni Historic Area;
  - o \$500,000 for Cornell CALS and ESF Applied Forestry, for a total of \$1.5 million;
  - o \$250,000 for the Adirondack Mountain Club Visitor Centers;
  - o \$200,000 for the Peconic Bay Estuary, for a total of \$750,000;
  - \$100,000 for the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, for a total of \$200,000; and
  - \$50,000 for the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, for a total of \$250,000.

- The Assembly makes the following new suballocations:
  - \$100,000 for Paul Smith's College for the Adirondack Watershed Institute; and
  - \$100,000 for the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center Whiteface Mountain Field Station.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive Budget proposal of a \$250 million lump sum appropriation for clean water infrastructure, and restores funding to \$500 million. The Assembly allocates this funding as follows:
  - \$220 million for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) and \$30 million for Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant program;
  - o \$100 million for replacement of lead drinking water service lines;
  - \$70 million for water quality improvement projects, including \$12.5 million for projects to combat harmful algal blooms and \$10 million for the proper management of road salt;
  - o \$50 million for projects to protect the New York City watershed; and
  - o \$30 million for septic systems and cesspools.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to expand the state assistance payment under the Climate Smart Community Grants Program by including a definition of "financial hardship."
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to restructure and increase clean air permitting fees by ensuring that the biggest emitters pay the highest fees, more proportionally distributing financial impacts on small emitters, and by rejecting blanket department authority to establish new fees.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$8.4 billion an increase of \$267.5 million over the Executive proposal. In addition, the Assembly provides a contingency appropriation of \$873.1 million.

### **State Operations**

Not applicable.

#### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$127.5 million for the Fair Fares program to raise the income eligibility threshold from 120 percent of the federal poverty level up to 200 percent.
- The Assembly provides \$90 million for MTA bus services, including \$45 million for the fare-free bus pilot program and \$45 million for additional bus service, including Express Bus service.
- The Assembly provides \$50 million for the establishment of a low-income discount program for the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) and the Metro North Railroad (MNR).
- The Assembly provides \$3.9 million for an additional ten percent discount on monthly LIRR and MNR passes for trips within New York City, from the outer borough fund.

### **Capital Projects**

- The Assembly modifies the Executive appropriation of \$68 million for feasibility studies for the Second Avenues Subway Western Expansion and for the Interborough Express (BX) project, by including a requirement that the MTA also study the feasibility of connecting the BX to the Bronx.
- The Assembly encourages the MTA to include the Staten Island North Shore Bus Rapid Transit project in the 2025-29 MTA Capital Plan to be released in October 2024.

- The Assembly proposes to include Article VII language that would establish an expanded fare-free bus pilot program, including three free routes in each borough.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend the ability for municipalities to create mass transportation capital districts to facilitate tax increment financing of Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) capital projects for ten years, by proposing to extend the program for one year.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to increase the maximum civil penalty to \$200 for MTA fare evasion offenses and establish procedures for fare violation enforcement within the Transit Adjudication Bureau.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal to establish criminal and civil penalties for any individual who fraudulently applies for or obtains an exemption, credit, or discount from Congestion Pricing Tolls.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 New York Waterfront Commission

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.9 million.

### **State Operations**

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

### Aid to Localities

• Not applicable.

### **Capital Projects**

• Not applicable.

### **Article VII**

 The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to establish the New York Waterfront Commission to align this new Commission with similar State authorities and commissions.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 New York State Gaming Commission

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$373.4 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.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend for one year the authorized use of capital acquisition funds by the Capital Off-Track Betting Corporation to allow Catskill OTB to apply and ensure both Catskill OTB and Capital OTB can meet the statutorily required pre-application requirements.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend one year the current pari-mutuel tax rates and out-of-state simulcasting provisions by removing the severability clause added to language.
- The Assembly provides language to authorize a two percent allocation from the purse fund through April 1, 2027, and \$2 million out of the unpaid Purse Cushion Fund through calendar year 2027, for the purpose of stabilizing owner-paid premiums required for jockey worker compensation coverage paid out of the Jockey Injury Compensation Fund.
- The Assembly provides language to allow the establishment of a new Racehorse Safety Program within the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of Motor Vehicles

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$665 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.

- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to extend, for two years, the Internet Point Insurance Reduction Program (I-PIRP).
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to extend, for two years, provisions related to certain DMV fees, the deposit of such fees into the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund, and the payment of DMV costs out of such Fund.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to extend, for two years, the provision of law authorizing the demonstration and testing of autonomous vehicles on public roads.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposals to:
  - o impose administrative sanctions and increase penalties for using toll facilities or entering the congestion pricing central business district with covered or obscured license plates or for failure to pay tolls; authorize police officers to seize and confiscate prohibited license plate covers; prohibit the sale of covers, materials or devices that will obscure license plates; and authorize public authorities with highways, bridges or tunnels to enter and enforce judgments for unpaid tolls, without court proceedings;

- authorize DMV to replace the existing system to verify motor vehicle insurance with an online insurance verification system;
- authorize lower maximum speed limits within the City of New York and prohibit such city from increasing speed limits by more than five miles per hour without notice and opportunity for community board comment; and
- $\circ$  amend various provisions of law related to stretch limousines.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Olympic Regional Development Authority

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$96.6 million.

### **State Operations**

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

### Aid to Localities

• Not applicable.

### **Capital Projects**

- The Assembly modifies the Executive Proposal for a \$70 million Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) appropriation:
  - o to include a carveout of \$1.25 million for the Adirondack Loj Road resurfacing project, transferring this funding to ORDA, from the EPF; and
  - o to require that this funding is subject to the approval of a strategic modernization and investment plan by the ORDA Board of Directors and submitted to the Senate and Assembly.

### Article VII

• Not applicable.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$110 million over 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**

- The Assembly provides \$100 million for grants for municipal parks, including \$50 million for projects in underserved communities.
- The Assembly provides \$10 million in for capital funding for zoos, botanical gardens, and aquaria.
- The Assembly modifies the NY SWIMS appropriation to ensure that not less than \$60 million, of the \$150 million appropriation, is for grants to municipalities for pools in underserved communities.

### Article VII

Not applicable.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of Public Service

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$397.4 million, an increase of \$200 million over the Executive proposal.

### **State Operations**

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

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly restores \$200 million for the Energy Affordability Program to ensure that enrollment in the program can continue to grow and to reduce costs for ratepayers.
- The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to provide \$50 million for the Empower Plus Energy Affordability Guarantee and modifies the appropriation language to establish program parameters.

### **Capital Projects**

Not applicable.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive's Renewable Action through Project Interconnection and Deployment (RAPID) Act to clarify and further differentiate between transmission and renewable generation, as well as to increase transparency and municipal involvement.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal that would extend the authorization of certain State agencies to receive funding from an assessment on utilities and cable television for five years, by instead extending the authorization for one year.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposal for the Affordable Gas Transition Act but is exploring the removal of the current ability of new natural gas customers to receive the first 100 feet of gas pipeline free, known as the 100-foot rule. Any resulting proposal would include strong labor standards and protections, and workforce development programs to train, retrain, and transition the fossil-fuel workforce.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of State

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$750.7 million, an increase of \$67.5 million over the Executive proposal.

### **State Operations**

- The Assembly includes \$5 million for the New York State Community Commission on Reparations Studies.
- The Assembly provides \$1 million for legislative task forces and commissions.

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly restores \$30 million for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) crisis intervention centers and community-based organizations combatting biased crimes.
- The Assembly restores \$20 million and provides an additional \$10 million for programs that assist non-citizens, for a total of \$30 million.
- The Assembly restores \$1.4 million and provides an additional \$100,000 for PULP, for a total of \$1.5 million.
- The Assembly supports funding for New Yorkers impacted by the crisis in Haiti and members of the Haitian-American community who have made New York State their home.

### **Capital Projects**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

### **Article VII**

• The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal to extend the authorization for public bodies to conduct public meetings remotely until July 1, 2026.

- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to prohibit the distribution, assembling, reconditioning, sale, or offering for sale a lithium-ion battery or second-use lithium-ion battery intended for use in a micromobility device or bicycle with electric assist unless it has been certified by an accredited testing laboratory for compliance with certain standards.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to expand the deceptive acts and practices statute.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to make it unlawful for operators of a webpage or app to provide addictive feeds to minors.
- The Assembly rejects the Executive proposal to prohibit operators of websites and apps from processing the personal data from a minor (under 18) absent informed consent.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise program to provide that provisions of law relating to participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises in state contracts shall expire six months after the delivery of the disparity study.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Department of Taxation and Finance

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$507.1 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's proposal to allow the Department of Taxation and Finance to act on amended returns filed by taxpayers if the taxpayer petitioned to the Division of Tax Appeals during the same taxable year. Under the current law, any such petitions filed to the Division of Tax Appeals prevents the Department of Taxation and Finance from acting on amended returns filed for the same taxable year.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Division of Tax Appeals

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$4.1 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 2024-25 Department of Transportation

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$16.2 billion, an increase of \$1 billion over the Executive proposal.

### **State Operations**

The Assembly accepts the Executive proposal and recommends no changes.

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly provides \$127.5 million for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Fair Fares program to raise the income eligibility threshold from 120 percent of the federal poverty level to, up to 200 percent.
- The Assembly provides \$90 million for MTA bus services, including \$45 million for the fare-free bus pilot program and \$45 million for additional bus service, including Express Bus service.
- The Assembly provides \$50 million for the establishment of a low-income discount program for the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) and the Metro North Railroad (MNR).
- The Assembly provides \$559.1 million for non-MTA transit operating assistance, an increase of \$8.3 million over the Executive proposal, for a total increase of \$38.6 million, or 7.2 percent from SFY 2023-24.
- The Assembly provides \$327.8 million for upstate transit operating assistance, an increase of \$5.52 million over the Executive proposal, for a total increase of \$22.1 million, or 7.2 percent from SFY 2023-24.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal of \$24.3 million for the State share of the operating costs of the Gateway Development Commission, by adding language to include the Bergen Loop project.

### **Capital Projects**

• The Assembly provides \$4.9 billion for the State Road and Bridge program, an increase of \$400 million over the Executive proposal, to help address inflation.

- The Assembly provides \$1.5 billion for local capital aid, an increase of \$250 million over the Executive proposal, including:
  - \$598.1 million for the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs), a restoration of \$60 million;
  - \$210 million for the Pave NY program, an increase of \$60 million over the Executive proposal;
  - \$150 million for Extreme Winter Recovery, an increase of \$50 million over the Executive proposal; and
  - \$180 million for the State Touring Route program, an increase of \$80 million over the Executive proposal, including a restoration of \$40 million.
- The Assembly provides \$159.5 million for non-MTA transit capital, an increase of \$20 million over the Executive proposal to restore funding for the rehabilitation of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) passenger rail system.
- The Assembly provides \$45.5 million for passenger rail projects, an increase of \$35.5 million over the Executive proposal.
- The Assembly provides \$39 million for aviation capital, an increase of \$12.5 million over the Executive proposal.
- The Assembly reallocates appropriations for engineering costs to support Department of Transportation (DOT) state workforce engineers.

### **Article VII**

• The Assembly accepts the Executives proposal to add Warren County to the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) district, thereby allowing State Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) to be paid to CDTA for mass transportation services provided in Warren County.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Urban Development Corporation

The Assembly provides an All Funds appropriation of \$2.7 billion, an increase of \$432 million over the Executive proposal.

### **State Operations**

Not applicable.

### Aid to Localities

- The Assembly restores:
  - \$5 million for Alive Downtowns!, which includes an additional \$200,000 to support not-for-profit small venues located outside New York City; and
  - \$365,000 in additional support for the Minority and Women-Owned Business Development and Lending Program, for a total of \$1 million.
- The Assembly provides:
  - \$80 million to establish the Cannabis Rescue and Relief Fund, which would make available resources to cultivators and processors that have experienced a substantial financial hardship, with a priority given to cultivators;
  - \$10 million for a dedicated venture capital fund for early-stage MWBE technology startup companies; and
  - \$5 million for studies related to the redevelopment and redesign of State and municipal-owned land.
- The Assembly does not include \$4 million for the Global Entrepreneurs Program.

### **Capital Projects**

• The Assembly provides:

- \$100 million for various capital improvements to sports facilities across New York State;
- \$100 million for produce, meat, and farmers markets, as well as other food hubs across New York State;
- \$100 million for museums and gardens used for the study of scientific research, including botanical gardens across New York State;
- \$25 million for another round of New York Fund for Innovation in Research and Scientific Talent (NYFIRST) to support academic medical centers; and
- o \$10 million for facility upgrades to independent ski facilities.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to provide \$250 million to establish the NY-RUSH program, to require projects be approved by the Legislature.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to provide \$250 million to establish the Empire AI Consortium, to explicitly include SUNY and CUNY, and to include reporting requirements and other program parameters within the appropriation language. The Assembly believes the proposal should include strict parameters to ensure effective implementation of the proposed program. Greater transparency in how and where capital funding is being allocated, as well as active engagement from the public is crucial to effective implementation of a successful program.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to provide \$93 million to establish the ON-RAMP program, by explicitly allowing for community colleges to be eligible and to allow the Legislature the opportunity to approve any plans submitted.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend the authorization of the Urban Development Corporation to administer the Economic Development for three years, to instead extend the authorization for one year.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to extend the general loan powers of the Urban Development Corporation for three years, to instead extend the authorization for one year.

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Miscellaneous: Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental

### **Public Facilities Sustainability Program**

• The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to appropriate \$50 million for capital projects undertaken for compliance with Executive Order 22, by renaming the program and requiring that funding from this appropriation is subject to a plan to be provided to the Legislature.

# **LEGISLATURE & JUDICIARY**

**By Agency** 

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Judiciary

The Assembly approves of the Judiciary's proposed Budget and provides an All Funds appropriation of \$3.4 billion.

### **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.

- The Assembly proposes to reject the following Article VII proposals to:
  - establish the New York State Judicial Security Act;
  - establish the interest rate to be paid on a judgment or accrued claim to be consistent with the one-year United States Treasury bill rate;
  - allow family court judges to consider the specific circumstances of individual parents when determining child support payments and;
  - establish the Heirs Property Protection and Deed Theft Prevention Act of 2024.

# **DEBT SERVICE**

# Assembly Budget Proposal SFY 2024-25 Debt Service/Capital Projects

The Assembly accepts the Debt Service appropriation of \$13.5 billion. The Assembly provides All Funds Capital appropriations totaling \$27.6 billion, an increase of \$7.8 billion over the Executive.

### **State Operations**

Not applicable.

#### Aid to Localities

Not applicable.

### **Capital Projects**

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to provide \$1.8 billion in additional support for the Housing Capital Plan, including:
  - \$500 million for Mitchell-Lama Preservation;
  - o \$500 million for NYCHA;
  - \$500 million for the Foundations for Future program;
  - \$150 million for Public Housing outside of New York City;
  - \$50 million for Amalgamated Housing Cooperative;
  - o \$50 million for Co-op City Riverbay Corporation;
  - \$10 million for Starette City;
  - \$10 million for Tracey Towers;
  - \$7 million for the HOPE/Restore program;
  - o \$7 million for the Small Rental Housing Development Initiative; and
  - o \$2 million for the Access to Home program.
- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to provide additional support for the following initiatives:
  - o \$1.2 billion for new SUNY and CUNY Initiatives, for a total of \$1.4 billion;
  - o \$718 million for the DOT Capital Plan, for a total of \$8.3 billion;
  - \$250 million for Clean Water Grants, for a total of \$500 million;

- \$100 million for Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation Grants, for a total of \$400 million;
- o \$50 million for Arts and Cultural Grants, for a total of \$100 million;
- \$34 million for Library Capital Grants, for a total of \$68 million;
- o \$20 million for Non-Public Schools Grants, for a total of \$65 million; and
- \$10 million for Security Against Hate Crimes Grants, for a total of \$45 million.
- The Assembly proposes the following initiatives:
  - \$2 billion for the Smart Schools Bond Act II;
  - \$1 billion for Healthcare Facilities;
  - o \$150 million for SUNY Hospitals;
  - o \$100 million for Museums and Botanical Gardens;
  - S100 million for Food Hubs:
  - \$100 million for Sports Facilities across the State;
  - o \$100 million for the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment program;
  - \$40 million for HECAP:
  - o \$30 million for 4201 Schools for the Blind and Deaf;
  - \$25 million for NY-First;
  - o \$10 million for Independent Ski Mountains;
  - o \$10 million for ZBGA Parks Capital;
  - o \$6.5 million for the Cornell Vet Lab; and
  - \$3 million for the EQUAL program.
- The Assembly reduces the Executive proposal for the Department of State Police by \$7.4 million, for a new total of \$137.6 million.

- The Assembly modifies the Executive proposal to:
  - authorize DASNY to continue to form and operate subsidiaries for bonding and loan liability purposes for three years, to instead extend the authorization for two years, through July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
- The Assembly does not include the Executive proposals to:
  - o authorize the permanent issuance of up to \$4 billion in short-term PIT notes;
  - o amend the terms and limits of the Comptroller's bond approval process;
  - o authorize a change in bond issuance charges to zero percent for bonds issued under \$20 million and 0.35 percent for bonds issued above \$20 million;
  - authorize the State to redeem revenue bonds not yet redeemable if the redemption price provides a benefit to the State;

- extend the amortization of MTA bonds up to 50 years for one year;
- authorize DASNY to provide services to any agency or municipal project that is wholly or in part funded by the NYS Environmental Bond Act of 2022, the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Program, or the NY Forward Program; and
- authorize the Battery Park City Authority bond capacity to increase from \$1.5 billion to \$2.5 billion.

### • The Assembly modifies the following bond caps:

- Economic Development Initiatives increased from \$17.7 billion to \$20.6 billion;
- SUNY Education Facilities increased from \$18.1 billion to \$19.6 billion;
- o Transportation Initiatives increased from \$12.3 billion to \$15.7 billion;
- Housing Programs increased from \$13.6 billion to \$15.7 billion;
- o Local Highway Projects increased from \$13.9 billion to \$14.9 billion;
- CUNY Education Facilities increased from \$11.3 billion to \$12.3 billion;
- Environmental Infrastructure increased from \$9.3 billion to \$11.0 billion;
- o ITS and Department of Law increased from \$1.4 billion to \$1.8 billion;
- o Library Facilities increased from \$367 million to \$435 million; and
- Special Schools increased from \$321.8 million to \$391.9 million.

### • The Assembly proposes the following bond caps:

- \$6.2 billion for Health Facilities, an increase of \$1 billion;
- \$425 million for Higher Education Capital Matching Grants, an increase of \$40 million; and
- \$270 million for the Nonprofit Infrastructure Capital Investment Program, an increase of \$100 million.