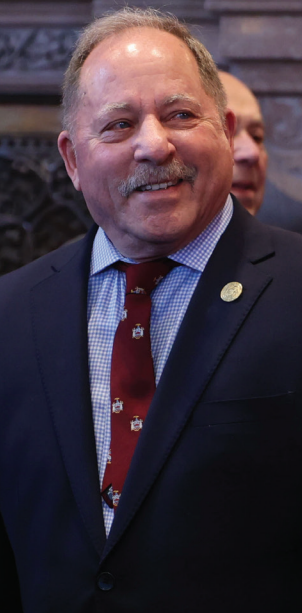


HALT REFORM: RESTORING SAFETY & ORDER



Better Safety, Better Staffing

Key provisions of A.10430:

- ✓ Expanding the list of criminal behavior eligible for segregated confinement to include conduct consistent with violent felony offenses under state Penal Law, acts so heinous or destructive that placement in the general population creates a significant safety risk, lewd conduct or sexual harassment of staff or incarcerated individuals, aggravated harassment of an employee by an incarcerated individual, and patterns of extortion by gangs or criminal enterprises.
- ✓ Removing language that currently prevents individuals involved in riots, escapes, or attempted escapes from being placed in segregated confinement.
- ✓ Allowing short-term disciplinary confinement in a Special Housing Unit or Residential Rehabilitation Unit for individuals who repeatedly engage in misconduct not eligible for disciplinary confinement, after other interventions have failed.
- ✓ Allowing short-term protective custody in segregated confinement when no safe housing alternative is available.
- ✓ Providing DOCCS with greater flexibility in administering out-of-cell programming and managing repeat offenders.



THE HALT COMMITTEE:
This state-derived committee was tasked to review the HALT Act in practice and propose targeted amendments to improve safety for both staff and incarcerated individuals. The HALT committee was comprised of Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) leadership, state agencies and major unions. Hawley's proposed legislation would mirror recommendations made by the governor's own experts.

A Message from Assemblyman Steve Hawley

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HAWLEY'S COURSE CORRECTION

WHAT THE HALT ACT DOES

- Strictly limits the use of solitary confinement and it permits exceptions for specific, severe misconduct that creates an imminent risk of harm or violence.¹
- Mandates therapeutic alternatives in place of traditional discipline, even when facilities may lack the resources or staffing to implement them effectively.¹
- Restricts the types of misconduct that qualify for separation, reducing flexibility to respond to ongoing safety concerns.¹

THE FACTS FOLLOWING THE HALT ACT:

- Inmate-on-staff assaults have risen significantly.²
- Inmate-on-inmate assaults have also increased.²
- Thousands of correctional officer positions remain unfilled.³
- Facilities have required outside support, including National Guard deployment, to maintain operations.³

HAWLEY'S BALANCED APPROACH TO SAFETY (A.10430) WOULD:

- Expand eligibility for disciplinary confinement in cases involving serious misconduct.
- Align definitions with New York Penal Law, especially for violent, felony-level behavior.
- Allow short-term separation when ongoing behavior threatens safety or order.
- Give the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision greater flexibility in managing repeat offenders.

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