

HALT REFORM: RESTORING SAFETY & ORDER



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EXCLUSIVE A Message from Assemblyman David DiPietro

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. DiPietro's proposed legislation would mirror recommendations made by the governor's own experts.

1. <https://www.albanylaw.edu/government-law-center/explaining-the-halt-act#:~:text=The%20HALT%20Act%20limits%20the,vulnerable%20groups%20from%20segregated%20confinement>
2. <https://doocs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2026/05/doocs-fact-sheet-april-2026-rev-0.pdf>
3. <https://www.wxxxnews.org/new-york-public-news-network/2026-02-25/ny-prisons-still-staffed-by-national-guard-amid-ongoing-vacancies-a-year-after-strike>



DIPIETRO'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

DIPIETRO'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 incidents.

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