

Legislation Required for the Budget

Education, Labor and Family Assistance

- Amend Education Law and make other changes necessary to authorize School Aid and implement education-related programs in the Executive Budget.
- Establish a new financing structure for the State University of New York's Residence Hall Program.
- Extend and amend the New York State Higher Education Capital Matching Grant Program.
- Create the Next Generation NY Job Linkage Program
- Authorize the pass-through of any Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cost of Living Adjustment which becomes effective on or after January 1, 2014.
- Transfer the administration of the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to the Division of Housing and Community Renewal.
- Combine and streamline delinquency prevention programs administered by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).
- Expand the Juvenile Justice Close to Home Initiative.
- Merge the Office of the Welfare Inspector General into the Office of the State Inspector General.
- Authorize STAR Re-registration and Anti-Fraud Program.
- Merge and reform the Neighborhood and Rural Preservation Programs.
- Modernize the investment powers of the State of New York Mortgage Agency and the Housing Finance Agency.
- Provide for the utilization of excess Mortgage Insurance Fund reserves.
- Transfer of the State Data Center from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Labor.
- Reform the Unemployment Insurance Benefit System.
- Increase the minimum wage.

Health and Mental Hygiene

- Make statutory changes necessary to continue implementing Medicaid Redesign Team recommendations.

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- Extend provisions of the Public Health, Social Services and Mental Hygiene Laws to preserve previously enacted Medicaid savings.
- Revise the methodology for distributing Indigent Care Pool (“ICP”) funds to general hospitals, including Federal Disproportionate Share Hospital (“DSH”) payments.
- Amend State law to conform to the requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act.
- Improve the State’s health care system by: reforming the Early Intervention and General Public Health Work programs; establishing a new outcome-based contracting and planning initiative for public health programs; streamlining and rationalizing the health planning process; promoting primary care through scope of practice changes; supporting innovative models of care and financing; and rationalizing the State-funded excess medical malpractice insurance pool.
- Require that the Methadone Registry include client dosage information to assist in facilitating disaster management.
- Clarify that OASAS can continue to fund provider programs via direct contracts or through the State Aid Funding Authorization process.
- Continue criteria and appropriate prior notice to ensure the efficient operation of hospitals by the Office of Mental Health; extend the community reinvestment program.
- Authorize the Office of Mental Health to recover Medicaid exempt income from providers of community residences.
- Streamline the organizational structure at the Office of Mental Health (OMH) by vesting statewide appointing authority with the Commissioner of OMH.
- Clarify the date when annual examinations and notice of rights are provided to sex offenders confined in a secure treatment facility.
- Improve the State and local response to violent incidents involving persons with mental illness through the establishment of mental health incident review panels.
- Eliminate redundant reports prepared by the Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).
- Establish a one-year deferral of the Human Services Cost-of-Living Adjustment.

Public Protection and General Government

- Authorize the Governor to close the Bayview and Beacon correctional facilities in State fiscal year 2013-14 with 60 days' notice.
- Transfer the former Fulton Correctional Facility to the Thomas Mott Osborne Memorial Fund.
- Limit plea bargaining of traffic tickets, extend State surcharges to new offenses, and establish minimum fines for traffic violations involving texting and cell phone use.

- Ratify the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact, allowing the State to participate in the National Fingerprint File program.
- Extend various criminal justice and public safety programs.
- Continue provisions relating to the disposition of certain monies recovered by county district attorneys.
- Provide the New York State Comptroller and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System Board statutory authority to make a long-term stable pension contribution option available to local governments and school districts.
- Amend the Civil Service Law in relation to the reimbursement of Medicare premium charges.
- Create a new account to finance an Administration Program in the New York State Gaming Commission.
- Redirect a portion of purse money to fund costs associated with recommendations by the Task Force on Racehorse Health and Safety.
- Improve the effectiveness of the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program and the Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant Program.
- Eliminate burdensome reporting requirements imposed on school districts and local governments.
- Authorize transfers, temporary loans, and amendments to miscellaneous capital/debt provisions, including bond caps.
- Support consolidation of IT Functions and Services into the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS).
- Workers Compensation Reform: Business Relief Bill.
- Increase agencies' discretionary authority to purchase food grown, harvested, produced or processed in New York State up to \$200,000.
- Authorize school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services to participate in the Intrastate Mutual Aid Program.
- Promote continuity of care for individuals and enable direct care employees to have increased flexibility for employment opportunities.
- Authorize certain State agencies and authorities to use design-build contracts and design-build-finance contracts for their capital projects.

Revenue

- Extend the MTA business tax surcharge for five years.
- New York Film Production tax credit-extend for five years, enhance, and improve transparency.

- Establish the New York Innovation Hot Spots Program.
- Extend the high income charitable contribution deduction limitation for three years.
- Close the royalty income loophole.
- Extend and enhance the historic commercial properties rehabilitation tax credit.
- Establish the Charge NY electric vehicle recharging equipment tax credit.
- Make tax modernization provisions permanent.
- Establish Tax-Free Sales and the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Taste-NY Facilities.
- IDA reform for State sales tax exemption benefits.
- Make technical amendments to the tax classification of uncompressed natural gas.
- Equalize fuel tax treatment for volunteer ambulance services, fire companies, fire departments and rescue squads.
- Update Criteria for Refusal and Revocation of a Sales Tax Certificate of Authority.
- Expand the cigarette and tobacco retailer registration clearance process.
- Increase the civil penalty for possessing unstamped cigarettes.
- Suspend delinquent taxpayers' driver's licenses.
- Amend wage garnishment.
- Allow local governments to extend existing sales tax rates without State legislative approval.
- Eliminate remaining Quick Draw restriction.
- Extend Monticello Casino and Raceway video lottery terminal venue distribution rates.
- Make certain tax rates and authorization for account wagering permanent.

Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation

- Provide the annual authorization for the CHIPS and Marchiselli programs.
- Continue the redistribution of the statewide collected transmission tax between the upstate (PTOA) and downstate (MMTOA) transit accounts in an equitable manner.
- Impose license sanctions for violations of the cell phone (mobile telephone) and texting (portable electronic device) laws by commercial motor vehicle operators and conform State law to federal law regarding cell phone use and texting by such operators.
- Permit the Department of Motor Vehicles to serve the public on Saturdays.
- Provide financial assistance for the New York State Thruway Authority and eliminate the need for a commercial toll hike.
- Enact the Cleaner Greener New York Act of 2013 to increase revenues deposited to the Environmental Protection Fund by redirecting unclaimed bottle deposit receipts and by strengthening enforcement of the Bottle Bill to prevent fraud.
- Make permanent the waste tire management and recycling fee.
- Make permanent the general loan powers of the New York State Urban Development Corporation.
- Extend the authorization for the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to enter into certain design and construction management agreements.
- Provide general grant-making power for the New York State Urban Development Corporation.
- Authorize and direct the Comptroller to receive for deposit to the credit of the General Fund a payment of up to \$913,000 from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to offset debt service related to the Western New York Nuclear Service Center (West Valley).
- Authorize the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to finance a portion of its research, development and demonstration, and policy and planning programs, and to finance the Department of Environmental Conservation's climate change program, from an assessment on gas and electric corporations.
- Authorize the Department of Health to finance certain activities with revenues generated from an assessment on cable television companies.
- Extend the Temporary State Energy and Utility Service Conservation Assessment, to provide continued revenues in support of necessary expenses of the State, including the purchase of utility services.

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- Implement recommendations made by the Moreland Commission on Utility Storm Preparation and Response, related to strengthening the oversight and enforcement mechanisms of the Public Service Commission to ensure that public utility companies are held accountable and responsive to regulators and customers.
- Extend for one year the authority of the Secretary of State to charge increased fees for expedited handling of documents.
- Facilitate an online corporate filing system and reduce costs and regulatory burdens on the State's businesses.