

15. 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
- Amend Education Law to implement school safety reforms in the Executive Budget
- Re-establish funding parity for CUNY
- Renew the NYSUNY 2020 and NYCUNY 2020 program
- Establish the SUNY Stony Brook Affiliation Escrow Fund
- Enact the New York State DREAM Act
- Extend and make conforming changes to various scholarship and loan forgiveness programs
- Allow public accounting firms to have minority ownership by individuals who are not Certified Public Accountants
- Extend mayoral control over the New York City public school system until June 30, 2019
- Reform the State Apprenticeship Training Council
- Increase the Minimum Wage

- Enhance the Urban Youth Jobs Tax Credit
- Make statutory changes to comply with the Federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act
- Raise the Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction
- Authorize the pass-through of any Federal Supplemental Security Income Cost of Living Adjustment which becomes effective on or after January 1, 2017
- Modify Mortgage Insurance Fund Utilization

Health and Mental Hygiene

- Modify New York City's local funding contribution under the Medical Assistance Program
- Make statutory changes necessary to continue implementation of Medicaid Redesign Team recommendations
- Extend the Physicians Excess Medical Malpractice Program and amends its distribution methodology
- Extend the authorization to make Disproportionate Share Payments, to operate certain Special Needs Plans, to continue the current reimbursement methodology for general hospitals regarding behavioral rates, to operate the Patient Centered Medical Home Program, and to authorize temporary operators of adult homes

- Reform the Early Intervention program
- Modify the Health Care Facility Transformation program
- Make statutory changes necessary to allow retail business operations to operate limited services clinics
- Authorize the Office of Mental Health to continue to recover Medicaid exempt income from providers of community residences
- Extend authorization for the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP)
- Extend for five years the long-time exemption from licensure for individuals working in certain programs and services that are regulated, operated, funded or approved by the Office of Mental Health (OMH), the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), the Office for Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), the Department of Health (DOH), the State Office for the Aging (SOFA), the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), the Department of Corrections and Community Services (DOCCS), the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and/or local governmental units or social service districts
- Authorize the Office of Mental Health to work with volunteering counties to establish jail-based restoration to competency programs for individuals awaiting trial

- Provide authority for OMH and OPWDD to appoint temporary operators for the continued operation of programs and the provision of services for persons with serious mental illness and/or developmental disabilities
- Permit State operated facilities to share clinical records with managed care organizations
- Authorize an OASAS licensed treatment facility that provides alcohol and/or substance abuse services to also operate a traditional physical health care clinic, while remaining eligible for DASNY financing

Public Protection and General Government

- Establish the Criminal Justice Reform Act of 2016
- Continue provisions relating to the disposition of certain monies recovered by county district attorneys
- Suspend a subsidy to a revolving loan fund from cell surcharge revenues
- Enhance the State's counter-terrorism intelligence gathering and analysis operations through the realignment of resources
- Extend the tuition benefit program for members of the New York Army and Air National Guard and the Naval Militia that would otherwise sunset
- Make the Procurement Stewardship Act and the Procurement Lobbying Law permanent

- Enact Workers' Compensation Reform
- Establish Paid Family Leave
- Establish the New York State Design and Construction Corporation Act
- Implement differential premiums for future New York State Health Insurance Plan retirees based on years of service
- Cap reimbursement of the Medicare Part B standard premium for new State retirees and cease reimbursement for the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts for high income State retirees in the New York State Health Insurance Program
- Extend binding arbitration, including provisions for fiscally eligible municipalities, for three years
- Amend the Dedicated Infrastructure Investment Fund
- Authorize transfers, temporary loans, and amendments to miscellaneous capital/debt provisions, including bond caps

Revenue

- Convert STAR exemption benefit into a tax credit for new homeowners
- Cap annual growth in Basic and Enhanced STAR exemption benefit at zero percent
- Make Income Verification Procedure (IVP) Mandatory

- Allow late filing of renewal STAR and Senior Citizens exemption applications based on hardship or good cause shown
- Convert NYC PIT STAR Credit into NYS PIT Credit
- Authorize the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to make direct payments of STAR tax savings to property owners in appropriate cases
- Make permanent and update certain modernization provisions of the Tax Law
- Authorize additional credits of \$8 million for Low-Income Housing Credit for each of the next five fiscal years
- Extend the Hire-A-Vet Credit for two years
- Extend the Empire State Commercial Production Tax Credit for two years
- Extend the Credit for Companies who Provide Transportation to Individuals with Disabilities for six years
- Permanently extend the non-custodial Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Permanently extend tax shelter reporting requirements
- Extend the Clean Heating Fuel Credit for three years
- Extend the Excelsior Jobs Program for five years
- Amend the State and New York City corporate tax reform statutes for technical amendments
- Conform to new federal tax filing dates

- Provide a corporate and personal income tax small business tax cut
- Establish education tax credits
- Establish Thruway toll tax credits
- Extend the alternative fuels tax exemptions for five years
- Establish additional alcohol beverage tasting exemptions and production credits
- Expand jeopardy assessments to the cigarette and tobacco tax
- Simplify the taxation of remarketed rooms
- Eliminate charitable giving as a factor in determining domicile for the estate tax
- Amend State and local tax law for consistency with Federal tax regulations on aviation fuel
- Remove restriction for Morrisville College to be a single lab testing provider and modify requirements for horsemen to contribute to equine steroid testing
- Increase VLT purse enhancements from 1.0% to 1.6% and increase regulatory fee from 0.5% to 0.6% to finance escalating lab testing costs and other expenses associated with equine health and racing integrity
- Adjust timing of reimbursement to the Gaming Commission of per diem costs for harness racing judges and starters
- Provide for an additional commission for certain Video Lottery Terminal facilities

- Extend Monticello Video Lottery Terminal rates for one year
- Extend certain tax rates and certain simulcasting provisions for one year
- Extend the Video Lottery Gaming (VLG) vendor's capital awards program for one year
- Amend the Upstate New York Gaming and Economic Development Act for technical changes

Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation

- Commit the State of New York and the City of New York to fund \$10.828 billion of the MTA's 2015-2019 Capital Program
- Authorize MTA procurement reforms to create savings for their 2015-19 Capital Plan
- Enact project delivery reforms which generate savings throughout the MTA's 2015-19 Capital Plan period
- Consolidate four existing Department of Motor Vehicles' Special Revenue Funds within the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF)
- Bring New York State into compliance with federal regulations regarding covered farm vehicles as well as requiring a P endorsement to operate certain vehicles
- Extend the authorization of the New York State Urban Development Corporation to administer the Empire State Economic Development Fund

- Extend the general loan powers of the New York State Urban Development Corporation
- Establish the Transformational Economic Development Infrastructure and Revitalization Projects Act
- 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
- Authorize the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to finance a portion of its research, development and demonstration, policy and planning, and Fuel NY 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
- Reduce the administrative burden associated with the Public Service Commission's review of municipal and investor owned utility rate requests
- Extend for one year the authority of the Secretary of State to charge increased fees for expedited handling of documents
- Place responsibility for mailing a copy of service of process with plaintiffs rather than the Department of State (DOS)

- Create a statutory model by which combative sports would be licensed and regulated by the State
- Extend the authorization of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to form subsidiaries
- Authorize the transfer of the New York State Canal Corporation to the New York Power Authority
- Enact the Private Activity Bond Allocation Act of 2016, to extend authorization for the issuance of tax exempt bonds for eligible purposes
- Enhance the marketing of New York farm products by authorizing the Empire State Development Corporation, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and Markets, to administer agricultural and dairy marketing orders
- Eliminate the sunset applicable to the waste tire management and recycling fee
- Create a new climate change mitigation and adaptation account and make changes to the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program in support of a \$300 million Environmental Protection Fund
- Reduce the authorized reimbursement rate paid to governmental entities that voluntarily enforce the provisions of the navigation law

Good Government and Ethics Reform

- Close the “LLC loophole” by defining LLCs as corporations for the purpose of political donations
- Set limits on outside income for members of the Legislature
- Implement campaign finance reform and public financing of campaigns
- Enact comprehensive FOIL reform
- Enact Public Officer’s Law reform
- Enhance voter opportunities
- Improve transparency and oversight related to vendors and for-profit businesses
- Enact lobbying reform

Pension Forfeiture Concurrent Resolution

- Amend the State Constitution to Require Pension Forfeiture of Public Officials Convicted of a Crime Related to Public Office

