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Mandate Relief Package Passes Senate

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The New York State Senate passed four measures today which will finally provide mandate relief across the state, and reverse New York's long-standing practice of passing financial burdens onto local school districts.

Identified by school districts as vital to their operations and ability to budget in a prudent manner, the Democratic package will allow them to more effectively manage the resources they have, and make the best possible decisions for their communities in this time of fiscal crisis.

Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-35th District) said, "For too long our schools have been required to comply with mandated expenses without a means to pay for them; forcing school districts to raise property taxes or cut services. Mandate Relief legislation allows schools to streamline services and create savings that can be passed on to taxpayers.

Mandate relief is an important step in my continued effort to ensure our State Government works to become more efficient."

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