



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Rachel May

## Senator Rachel May Advanced Several Significant Bills Through State Legislature

RACHEL MAY June 13, 2022

| ISSUE: **AGING, HEALTH CARE, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, LGBTQ COMMUNITY, LONG-TERM CARE**



Syracuse, NY – Senator Rachel May (D-Onondaga, Madison, Oneida) advanced several bills through both houses of the state legislature during the second half of the 2021-2022 session. The list of critical bills includes adding additional reporters for child abuse, a comprehensive healthcare program for older adults, increased reporting for long-term care facilities and creating an LGBTQ+ advisory board.

**S8903** The bill streamlines the PACE program, which will provide comprehensive healthcare for members of the 55 and older community who qualify for a nursing home but wish to stay at home.

**S2023** The bill relates to the licensure of athletic trainers, which adds them to the list of people required to report cases of suspected child abuse or maltreatment.

**S8617A** The bill enhances the annual reporting requirements of the state long-term care ombudsman, requiring them to gather additional information for annual reports to the governor, state legislature, etc. Also, investigators must submit an additional annual report to the attorney general on any cases of abuse, neglect, and exploitation for review and possible enforcement action.

**S6501B** Establishes the LGBTQ+ advisory board to make recommendations, conduct research, and more regarding the LGBTQ+ community in New York state.

**S9008** The bill relates to programs for the aging. It decreases the income threshold for private pay programs for client participation from 400% of the federal poverty level to 250%.

**S660A** The bill encourages the use of medians along state highways and other roadways as pollinator-friendly zones. New policies and procedures will promote the use of native plants that are beneficial to pollinators and will improve their habitat.

**S555C** The bill creates a new office for older adult workforce development within the office for the aging.

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#### RELATED LEGISLATION

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### **2021-S8903**

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- Introduced
- ◦ In Committee Assembly

- In Committee Senate
  
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
  
- ◦ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
  
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Establishes a state-level program of all-inclusive care for the elderly

April 27, 2022

Senate Floor Calendar

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S2023

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- Introduced
  
  - ◦ In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  
  - ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
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Relates to the licensure of athletic trainers; and adds athletic trainers to the list of persons and officials required to report cases of suspected child abuse or maltreatment

January 16, 2021

In Assembly Committee

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S8617A

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- Introduced
- ◦ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ◦ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Relates to annual reporting requirements of the state long-term care ombudsman

March 22, 2022

Passed Assembly

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S6501B

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- Introduced
  - ◦ In Committee Assembly
  - ◦ In Committee Senate
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Senate
- ◦ Passed Assembly
- ◦ Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
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Establishes the LGBTQ+ advisory board

May 04, 2021

Passed Assembly

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S9008

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to programs for the aging

May 03, 2022

In Assembly Committee

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S660A

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- Introduced
    - ◦ In Committee Assembly
      - In Committee Senate
    - ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
      - On Floor Calendar Senate
    - ◦ Passed Assembly
      - Passed Senate
    - Delivered to Governor
    - Signed By Governor
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Relates to the use of pollinator friendly plant species in medians along the highways of the state

January 04, 2021

Passed Assembly

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S555C

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- Introduced
    - ◦ In Committee Assembly

- In Committee Senate
  
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
  
- ◦ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
  
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Creates the office of older adult workforce development within the office for the aging  
January 04, 2021

Passed Assembly

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Do you support this bill?