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18th New York Senatorial District

Ranking Member, Committee on Children and Families

Budget Allocations

On March 31, the New York State Legislature adopted an on-time 2011-12 State Budget that closed the State's \$10 billion deficit through the enactment of deep spending reductions, largely along the lines proposed in the first budget of the newly inaugurated administration of Governor Andrew Cuomo. The budget calls for \$132.5 billion in overall spending, a more than two percent reduction from last year's budget. State operating spending will total \$88 billion, an increase of \$1.2 billion or 1.4% over last year: the overall spending decline reflects the loss of federal stimulus-related support.

- ❖ **Summer Youth Employment:** Went from "0" in the Executive Budget to \$15.5 million in the enacted budget.
- ❖ **Advantage After-School:** Went from "0" in the Executive Budget to \$17.7 million in the enacted budget.

The Advantage After-School Programs in 18th Senate District are:

Good Shepard Services	Red Hook Beacon	71 Sullivan Street
	@ PS 15	
Police Athletic League, Inc.	Wynn Center	495 Gates Avenue
SCO Family of Services	PS 1	309 47th Street
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- ❖ **Title XX** restores of \$22.4 million; senior centers will remain open
- ❖ **SUNY childcare:** \$653,000 ~ ~ **CUNY childcare:** \$544,00 (the Governor had zeroed out money for both \$60 million is restored for **SUNY teaching**)
- ❖ Funding is restored and maintained at last year's level **ALL higher education opportunity programs**
- ❖ **Universal Pre-K** is funded at \$384.2 million
- ❖ \$20.4 million for **Teacher Centers**
- ❖ \$2.1 million to support new and prior year employment and training programs including the **Displaced Homemaker and Jobs for Youth Programs.**
- ❖ **Juvenile Justice Reform**
 - The enacted budget provides a capped appropriation of \$76.3 million for 49% State reimbursement for local secure and non-secure detention **or** 62% State reimbursement for local alternatives to detention expenditures.
 - Funds the Supervision and Treatment for Juveniles Program @ \$8,200,000, a dedicated funding stream for alternative to detention and residential placement services.
 - Allocates \$13.5 million for enhanced education, health and mental health service in youth facilities
- ❖ **School Aid:** The enacted budget restores \$230 million SY or \$170 million FY in school aid. This represents total funding at \$19.6 billion, a final reduction of \$1.3 billion in school aid (SY) or 6.1%. The enacted budget also includes funding for 2012-13, which includes an \$800 SY increase.
- ❖ **NYC Academic Achievement Grants:** The enacted budget maintains funding at the 2010-11 levels (\$1.2 million) for the 2011-12 school year for achievement grants in New York City [\$840,000 FY].
- ❖ \$51,000 for **Kinship.**
- ❖ \$98,000 for the **Foster Grandparent Program.**
- ❖ The enacted budget preserves premium assistance under the Elderly Insurance Prescription Program (**EPIC**) and restores \$22 million for this purpose.
- ❖ Restores \$8.47 million for the **Neighborhood Prevention Program** and \$3.53 million for the **Rural Prevention Program.**

- ❖ \$ 2.1 million is allocated to support new and prior year employment and training programs including the **Displaced Homemaker and Jobs for Youth Programs**.
- ❖ **School-Based Health Centers** receives \$21,738,317.00, the same as last year.
- ❖ **Family Planning Services** is funded at \$30.895 million.
- ❖ \$5.26 million for **Sexuality-Related Programs and HIV Counseling**.
- ❖ **Adult Literacy** programs receive \$4.3 million.
- ❖ \$15 million was put back in the enacted budget for **Foreclosure Prevention Services Program**.

DOCS/PAROLE Merger

A three way agreement was reached to merge the Department of Correctional Services and the Division of Parole to form the **Department of Corrections and Community Supervision**. **Legislation was included to ensure that Parole maintains control of release determinations and revocations of supervision.**

There was agreement to allow the Executive to close correctional facilities in SFY 2011-12 once 60-days notice is provided. The agreement is part of a prison consolidation implementation plan which would remove over 3,700 excess beds from the correctional system at locations to be determined.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senator Montgomery's Legislation

S2323: *Four-Year College Bill*; This legislation would allow attendance in up to four years of post-secondary education to count toward an individual's public assistance employment requirement. The bill, sponsored in the Assembly by Keith Wright, **passed the Assembly this year**. This bill awaits consideration by the Social Services Committee. This bill is necessary to help people transition from welfare to living-wage jobs.

S250: *First Consideration/Workforce Development*; This bill with Assemblywoman Millman, helps to create new jobs, the state provides grants and loans to businesses. Existing law requires for certain programs that the businesses receiving aid give first consideration for hiring to displaced, unemployed and low-income New Yorkers when new jobs are created.

This bill brings the law up to date by referencing the federal Workforce Investment Act, and adds the "first consideration" requirement to two additional economic development assistance programs.

S380: *MWBE Participation in Government Contracting*; This bill with Assemblywoman Millman, enhances Article 15-A provisions to increase small business and minority and women-owned business enterprise (MWBE) participation in State agency commodity and service procurement and State public authority assisted, construction and rehabilitation project contracts and subcontracts. This bill is in the Senate Finance Committee. The Assembly reports NO fiscal impact.

Prison-Based Gerrymandering

2010: New York passed a law to collect the home addresses of incarcerated people, and to require the state and county governments to draw legislature districts on the basis of Census Bureau data corrected to count incarcerated people at their home addresses. The bill to end prison-based gerrymandering was attached as [part XX](#) of the revenue budget (A9710D/S6610C) and had a technical amendment, [A11597/S8415](#). The Bill and the amendment passed the Assembly on July 1, and the Senate on August 3, and signed into law by the Governor on August 12, 2010.