

Annual Report 2023



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December 4, 2023

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Leader Stewart-Cousins:

Thank you for all your support and dedication to a better New York State, and leadership through yet another successful Session. I am grateful to be entrusted to continue my chairmanship of Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, and to maintain purview over an area that affects my constituents as well as areas throughout the Empire State. From seeking out and passing legislation to innovate transportation accessibility, to confirming nominations to oversight boards throughout the State, seeking corporate transparency and consumer equity, the responsibility of being Chair to this Committee is an honor to maintain.

Throughout our Session, the Committee met eight times for the consideration of bills, and another three times to consider nominees. In culmination, a total of one hundred and thirty-eight bills went through the Committee, thirty-seven of which passed the Senate.

The Committee also convened a public hearing in March to address some concerns relevant to the Pennsylvania Station Redevelopment Plan and a budgetary hearing on Grand Central Station. These were great opportunities to solicit public input about major developments that affect New Yorkers' daily transit needs, workforce development, and procurement, to name a few.

I would like to thank all of my fellow Committee members: Senators Brad Hoylman-Sigal, James Skoufis, Shelley B. Mayer, Jessica Ramos, Ranking Member Mario R. Mattera, and Bill Weber for all their hard work in this Committee and the perspective that they provided.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leroy Comrie".

Leroy Comrie
New York State Senator
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2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Committees has legislative oversight responsibilities including, but not limited to issues concerning public transportation authorities, urban development corporations, and even utilities and pensions and benefits by way of the Public Service Commission. This Committee exercises its legislative oversight responsibilities by holding committee meetings to vote on bills and Governor nominations and by convening public hearings on major concerns.

My Committee is eager to continue putting forth the most suitable candidates with the expertise to advocate and to build out innovative transportation, transparent agencies and corporate entities for different voting roles within authorities and boards throughout the various Authorities and Commissions in our State. There were many nominations to consider albeit through in-person meetings or through consent, the Corporations committee reviewed about fifteen nominations. We have since heard from the confirmed MTA Board appointee, General Inspector and a few other positions that were confirmed by the Senate this session.

Committees also have the ability to call hearings to discuss major concerns around the State. A hearing can be called to address any areas of interest under the purview of Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, gather testimony for record on these issues and hear from constituents, non-profit organizations and agencies alike. Aside from the budget hearings my committee also held a hearing to delve deeper into possibilities for the Pennsylvania Station Redevelopment Project. Many groups gave comments on the benefits of through-running, potential alternatives to the plan and suggestions for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and The Senate to consider before confirming a final plan.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2023 and signed into law:

Maintenance of Abandoned Cemeteries

S.490 Comrie / A.1477 Buttenschon

This bill allows cemeteries that are dated, dilapidated, overgrown, and absent funding to receive assistance from other cemetery corporations through mergers with other cemetery corporations. Our cemeteries remain a storied and important part of the story of our nation's history, and it's essential we have them in a continued state of good repair.

Proponents: New York State Association of Cemeteries

Opponents:

Senate Vote: 62-0

Assembly Vote: 146-0

12/22/23- Signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul- **Chap. 752 of 2023**

Public Database of Foreign and Domestic LLC Owners

S.995-B (Hoylman-Sigal)/ A.3484-A (Gallagher)

This bill builds on previous efforts to require the disclosure of LLC members and managers involved in real estate transactions in New York. The bill adopts the same standards promulgated by the Treasury Department pursuant to the Corporate Transparency Act and requires that the same information also be filed with New York's Department of State. Companies subject to the federal government's reporting requirements may submit a copy of their federal registration to New York's Department of State in order to minimize the burden of such reporting. To protect genuine privacy interests that some individuals may have, a waiver process is created, with specific protections for whistleblowers using LLCs to file false claims act lawsuits and individuals participating in an address confidentiality program.

Proponents: Reinvent Albany.

Opponents: None.

Senate Vote: 62-1 (Skoufis)

Assembly Vote: 145-0

12/22/23- Signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul- **Chap. 772 of 2023**

Powers of NYSARC, Inc.

S.5287 Mannion / A.5913 Seawright

NYSARC is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities become active and contributing members of their communities. Since NYSARC's authority to utilize Dormitory Authority construction and management services was established, NYSARC has bonded over \$356,000,000 for 562 projects throughout the state saving over \$52 million in public funds. Expiration of NYSARC's authority would undermine very substantial bond initiatives now underway, resulting in lost savings to the state and lost funding to reinvest in critical services to persons with developmental disabilities. Future bond issues contingent on this legislation are expected to continue to benefit both New York taxpayers and the people and families that rely on NYSARC for services.

Proponents: NYSARC

Opponents: N/A

Senate Vote: 61-0
Assembly Vote:145-0

Chapter.292

S.5827 Cleare / A.4586 Paulin

This bill provides information on how to report human trafficking in Thruway Authority lactation rooms. Roughly eighty percent of human trafficking victims are trafficking on our highways and thruways. This bill ensures that those victims can seek help and know the proper channels to seek freedom.

Proponents: N/A
Opponents: N/A
Senate Vote: 62-0
Assembly Vote: 146-0

09/27/23- Signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul- **Chapter.494**

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2023 and vetoed by the Governor:

Public Authorities Control Board Line Item Veto

S521 Comrie/ A3778 Zebrowski

This bill would restore line item vetoes on financial projects before the Public Authorities Control Board. Governor Cuomo laid this provision upon the table in the waning days of the FY 2019-20 New York State Budget Process. It received no sunlight, debate or review. Since it created a disproportionate power dynamic advantaging only the Executive, repeal is not only wise but well warranted. Since Cuomo's departure this piece of legislation has been vetoed every year it has been passed.

Proponents: Reinvent Albany
Opponents: N/A
Senate Vote: 63-0
Assembly Vote: 144-0

11/17/23- Vetoed by Governor Kathy Hochul- **VETOED MEMO.65**

Highway Depot Charging Action Plan

S.4830-C Kennedy / A.5052-C Warner

This legislation establishes the framework to evaluate for electric vehicle fast-charging deployment on New York's highways by directing NYSERDA, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles, New York State Thruway Authority, New York Power Authority, Long Island Power Authority, Department of Environmental Conservation and the electric distribution and transmission utilities to, among other things, identify the number of fast chargers, highway charging hubs, and fleet charging zones currently in operation and in development along New York's priority highways, estimate future need for fast charger deployment, and estimate total charging capacity required through at least 2050. This planning will include stakeholder input in line with existing energy planning processes, and NYSERDA will then report the plan to the public service commission.

Proponents: National Grid, ConEdison
Opponents: N/A
Senate Vote: 59-3
Assembly Vote: 140-5

11/17/23- Vetoed by Governor Kathy Hochul- **Veto.52**



State Senator Leroy Comrie encouraging Queens residents to provide feedback on the MTA/NYCT bus redesign plan.

ONE HOUSE BILLS

In 2023, **28** of the **138** bills referred to the Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions passed only the Senate. These bills did not pass in the Assembly.

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Action
S397	Cleare	Directs the metropolitan transportation authority to study the transportation and housing needs of Randalls and Wards Islands	Passed Senate
S545	Gianaris	Prohibits confidentiality and non-disclosure provisions from inclusion in certain contracts entered into by the state or a municipality	Passed Senate
S579	Hoylman-Sigal	Provides an exception to qualification for the small business seed funding grant program for independent arts contractors	Passed Senate
S791A	Comrie	Relates to the amount of time between notice of a project and a public hearing	Passed Senate
S979	Mattera	Prohibits the formation of a subsidiary of a public authority without prior approval of the legislature	Passed Senate
S1081	Comrie	Relates to creating annual reporting obligations by municipal housing authorities to the authorities budget office with respect to state-funded activities of such municipal housing authorities	Passed Senate
S1087	Comrie	Relates to notice to unsuccessful minority- or women-owned business enterprise bidders on state contracts	Passed Senate
S1104	Comrie	Relates to the sale or transfer of certain real property by the state or public authorities	Passed Senate
S1394	Liu	Relates to the perimeter rule at LaGuardia airport	Passed Senate
S1693	Parker	Relates to enacting the “N.Y. state digital equity plan act”	Passed Senate
S1737	Krueger	Establishes a local authorities searchable subsidy and economic development benefits database	Passed Senate
S1862	Ryan	Relates to establishing the New York state innovation voucher program	Passed Senate
S1936	Comrie	Relates to disposals and contracts for disposal of property	Passed Senate
S1937	Comrie	Relates to requirements for explanatory statements regarding disposal of property	Passed Senate
S2297	Mayer	Allows for the examination of industrial development agencies and not-for-profit corporations by county comptrollers	Passed Senate

S2451	Comrie	Makes certain not-for-profit corporations subject to the freedom of information and open meetings laws	Passed Senate
S2535	Comrie	Relates to project applications and advisory opinions of the public authorities control board	Passed Senate
S2727A	Skoufis	Relates to the applicability of open meetings and freedom of information laws to certain not-for-profit corporations	Passed Senate
S2872	Comrie	Relates to exempting the metropolitan transportation authority from bond issuance charges	Passed Senate
S2963A	Kavanagh	Relates to establishing ground rent rebates for eligible homeowners and renters in the Battery Park project area	Passed Senate
S3014	Comrie	Relates to applications for the approval and construction of energy-related projects	Passed Senate
S3546	Kennedy	Enacts the “food retail establishment subsidization for healthy communities act”	Passed Senate
S5603	Comrie	Provides the New York city water board shall not establish a limit of less than six years to challenge any service charges for the use of or services furnished by the water board	Passed Senate
S6285	Comrie	Relates to cemetery trust funds	Passed Senate
S6627A	Kennedy	Authorizes and directs the New York state power authority to rename the Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant to the Shirley J. Hamilton Niagara Power Plant	Passed Senate
S6746	Ryan	Relates to reviews by the authorities budget office	Passed Senate
S6776	Comrie	Relates to requiring certain reports of public authorities are open for public inspection via the public authorities reporting information system	Passed Senate

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2023, **25** of the **138** bills referred to the Standing Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions passed both houses of the Legislature. Of those bills, the Governor has signed **seventeen** and vetoed **two**.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S 490	Comrie	Relates to the maintenance of abandoned cemeteries; authorizes a solvent not-for-profit cemetery corporation that merges with an abandoned cemetery in a city to apply for state funds for the maintenance of an abandoned cemetery.	Passed Both Houses
S 521	Comrie	Relates to voting by members of the New York state authorities control board	Vetoed Memo.65
S 636-A	Comrie	Requires certain companies and corporations to report certain data regarding the gender, race and ethnicity of their employees	Passed Both Houses
S 702 *	Comrie	Relates to assistance for certain small businesses including dry cleaners and those that practice nail specialty for necessary code related improvements.	Delivered to Governor
S 995-B	Hoylman-Sigal	Relates to the disclosure of beneficial owners of limited liability companies and foreign limited liability companies and certain information about such beneficial owners; requires the secretary of state to maintain a public database of all business entities organized in the state and all foreign business entities with authority to do business in the state.	Delivered to Governor
S 1068	Borrello	Exempts the East Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed forty-five percent of the membership.	Chapter.424 of 2023
S 1671-A	Addabbo	Requires the small business revolving loan fund to target and market to veteran-owned enterprises and service disabled veteran-owned enterprises	Chapter.617 of 2023
S 2727-A	Skoufis	Relates to the applicability of open meetings and freedom of information laws to certain not-for-profit corporations.	Passed Both Houses
S 4037	Helming	Increases the bond authority of the Livingston county water and sewer authority from \$42,000,000 to \$70,000,000.	Chapter.384 of 2023
S 4168-B	Palumbo	This would include Shelter Island Public Library Society to the list of entities which are eligible for DASNY services.	Chapter.215 of 2023

S 4714	May	Exempts the Southwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed forty-five percent of the membership.	Chapter.383 of 2023
S 5711	Mannion	Extends provisions related to the New York State Rehabilitation Association from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2028.	Chapter.288 of 2023
S 5806	Comrie	The purpose of this bill is to authorize non-membership not-for-profit corporations to classify their boards through their by-laws	Chapter.573 of 2023
S 6292	Kennedy	Increases the total amount of bonds the Buffalo sewer authority may issue from two hundred fifty million to five hundred million dollars.	Chapter.374 of 2023
S 6552	Skoufis	Establishes the Middletown parking authority; provides for its powers, duties and obligations; repeals certain provisions relating thereto.	Chapter.597 of 2023
S 7219	Hinchey	Exempts the Leeds Hose Company No. 1, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed forty-five percent of the membership.	Chapter.463 of 2023
S 7225-A	Mannion	Enacts the “Syracuse regional airport authority design-build act” allowing for the Syracuse regional airport authority to enter into a design-build contract for the installation, construction, demolition, reconstruction, excavation, rehabilitation, repair, and renovation in connection with a landside improvement project, terminal operational enhancement and aircraft deicing facility located in the towns of Cicero, De Witt and Salina at the Syracuse Hancock International Airport.	Chapter.418 of 2023



Governor Hochul signs legislation by State Senator Leroy Comrie to protect MTA workers.



BILLS THAT PASSED COMMITTEE ONLY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Title	Action
S 145	Gianaris	Exempts the metropolitan transportation authority from the requirement to reimburse the state for services provided to such authority	Reported to Finance
S 630-A	Comrie	Enacts the “unmarked burial site protection act,” to regulate the discovery of burial grounds, human remains and funerary objects	Committed to Rules
S 1103	Comrie	Relates to creating the hospital and multiple dwelling energy loan fund	Reported to Finance
S 2921A	Cleare	Relates to gender balance in public authorities, industrial development agencies and local development corporations	Committed to Rules
S 3437	Skoufis	Establishes a procedure for appointing a president or chairperson upon a vacancy of such position and corrects certain gendered language	Reported to Finance
S 4405	Comrie	Establishes environmental standards for public authorities	Reported to Finance
S 4416	Comrie	Relates to funds allocated to the independent authorities budget office	Reported to Finance
S 4725	Sanders	Amends the membership of the New York city water board to include the five borough presidents	Committed to Rules
S 5165	Webb	Provides grant funding, where available, for broadband services in non-competitive locations	Committed to Rules
S 5590	Comrie	Requires all public authorities owning, leasing and controlling critical infrastructure to study the potential consequences of privatization	Committed to Rules
S 5784	Comrie	Relates to retiring cemetery indebtedness	Committed to Rules
S 5939	Ashby	Permits the Albany Cemetery Association to file a certificate of amendment of certificate of incorporation with the department of state	Committed to Rules
S 6286	Comrie	Relates to the continuation with affected parties on certain projects	Reported to Finance

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

There were a total of 138 bills referred to Corporations, Authorities and Commissions.

Bill No.	Sponsor	Title	Action
S 145	Gianaris	Exempts the metropolitan transportation authority from the requirement to reimburse the state for state services provided to such authority.	Reported to Finance.
S 229	Gallivan	This bill amends the RCL to provide an exemption for court approval of the sale, mortgage or lease of a property owned by a religious corporation. Only applies to the sale of real property whose fair market value and actual sale price do not exceed \$200,000.	Referred.
S 397	Cleare	To require the MTA, DOT and DHPD to study the transportation and housing needs of Randalls and Wards Island.	Passed Senate.
S 415	Thomas	Adds experience requirements for voting directors on the Nassau health care corporation board to ensure the hospital can sufficiently manage and oversee funds invested into Nassau University Medical Center	Referred.
S 441	Skoufis	Requires state and municipal facilities program grants be issued only with governor, senate or assembly sponsor.	Reported from Committee.
S 490	Comrie	Relates to the maintenance of abandoned cemeteries; authorizes a solvent not-for-profit cemetery corporation that merges with an abandoned cemetery in a city to apply for state funds for the maintenance of an abandoned cemetery.	Passed both.
S 521	Comrie	Relates to voting by members of the New York state authorities control board.	Vetoed Memo.65
S 545	Gianaris	Prohibits confidentiality and non-disclosure provisions from inclusion in contracts pertaining to economic development, entered into by the state or a municipality or any party negotiating on behalf of such governmental entity.	Passed Senate.
S 579	Hoylman-Sigal	Provides an exception to qualification for the small business seed funding grant program for independent arts contractors.	Passed Senate.
S 630-A	Comrie	Enacts the “unmarked burial site protection act”	Third Reading.
S 636-A	Comrie	To provide data to the public about the gender, ethnicity, and race of companies’ employees.	Veto.127

S 637	Kavanagh	Establishes a public authority closed-circuit television system and surveillance personal privacy act, a state highway closed-circuit television system and surveillance personal privacy act and a municipal closed-circuit television system and surveillance personal privacy act; requires localities authorized to install and operate traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring devices to adopt and enforce measures to protect privacy.	Referred.
S 640	Kavanagh	Enacts the “corporate political activity accountability to shareholders act”	Referred.
S 702	Comrie	Relates to assistance for certain small businesses including dry cleaners and those that practice nail specialty for necessary code related improvements.	Passed both houses.
S 791	Comrie	Relates to extending the amount of time between notice of a project and a public hearing.	Passed Senate Only
S 808	Serrano	Establishes an economic development grant program for the Second Avenue Subway construction project area; defines micro business.	Referred.
S 924	Cooney	Requires the New York state higher education capital matching grant board to award matching capital grants totaling two million dollars for projects to implement, modify, or otherwise enhance cyber security infrastructure; makes related provisions.	Referred.
S 979	Mattera	Prohibits the formation of a subsidiary of a public authority without prior approval of the legislature; allows the formation of a subsidiary of a public authority without prior approval of the legislature if such public authority files a written notice sixty days prior to the organization of such subsidiary with the governor and the legislature.	Passed Senate.
S 995-B	Hoylman-Sigal	Relates to the disclosure of beneficial owners of limited liability companies and foreign limited liability companies and certain information about such beneficial owners; requires the secretary of state to maintain a public database of all business entities organized in the state and all foreign business entities with authority to do business in the state.	Passed both.
S 1068	Borrello	Exempts the East Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed forty-five percent of the membership.	Chapter.424 of 2023
S 1081	Comrie	Relates to creating annual reporting obligations by municipal housing authorities to the authorities budget office with respect to state-funded activities of such municipal housing authorities.	Passed Senate.
S 1086	Comrie	Relates to conducting a study on the feasibility of using the Triboro rail line as a public transit line co-mingling with freight services.	Referred.

S 1087	Comrie	Requires public corporations and agencies to provide notice to each minority- or women-owned business enterprise that unsuccessfully bid on a contract of the reason or reasons why the business enterprise was unsuccessful in obtaining the contract.	Passed Senate.
S 1103	Comrie	Relates to creating the hospital and multiple dwelling energy loan program	Reported to Finance.
S 1104	Comrie	Relates to the sale or transfer of certain real property by the state or public authorities; requires mandatory review by the attorney general and comptroller of the sale of certain real property; requires notice to members of the legislature and county executives in districts and counties in which land subject to transfer is located of the proposed transfer of state property between state departments, divisions, bureaus, agencies, state agencies, or to a public authority or public benefit corporation.	Passed Senate.
S 1146	Krueger	Enacts the corporate accountability for tax expenditures act; standardizes applications for state development assistance for empire zone assistance and industrial development agency assistance; requires submission of certain development assistance agreements to the department of taxation and finance; requires recipients of certain development assistance to submit progress reports which include certain information and disclosures; makes certain recapture provisions; defines relevant terms.	Referred.
S 1183	Tedisco	Prohibits the New York Department of State from issuing a certificate of dissolution and filing a judgment or final order of dissolution for the pension fund for employees of the former St. Clare's Hospital in the city of Schenectady, county of Schenectady, until an investigation ensues	Referred.
S 1261	Comrie	Changes the eligibility and criteria for awards of grants from the beginning farmers NY fund to enable more farmers to participate; requires that tiers be established for grants less than \$15,000.	Referred.
S 1262	Comrie	Relates to the bond issuance charge as applied to the New York city housing development corporation.	Referred.
S 1306	Comrie	Authorizes the New York city council to approve or deny by a majority vote any public authority or public benefit corporation's use of eminent domain.	Referred.
S 1394	Liu	Provides that the port authority shall prohibit nonstop flights to or from points beyond one thousand five hundred miles, except on Saturdays and flights to Denver, Colorado, from flying to or from LaGuardia airport, an air terminal of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.	Passed Senate.

S 1405	Gianaris	Relates to sitting requirements for the New York city school construction authority's leasing program.	Referred.
S 1410	Ortt	Provides that farmers shall receive an exemption from tolls when transporting products to the city of New York for consumption in such city, subject to an appropriation for the 2025-26 state fiscal year.	Referred.
S 1421	Comrie	Creates the NY Title GrCreates the New York title guaranty authority to initiate and operate a program which shall offer guaranties of real property titles in this state.	Referred.
S 1463	Serrano	Provides for the financing of the design, acquisition, construction, improvement and installation of East River Esplanade.	Referred.
S 1490	Comrie	Establishes the community development financial institution disability housing program within the New York state urban development corporation.	Referred.
S 1616-A	Addabbo	Relates to certain duties and responsibilities of cemetery corporations; provides for the filing of consumer complaints.	Referred.
S 1622	Comrie	Relates to the construction of new pipe lines.	Referred.
S 1671-A	Addabbo	Requires the small business revolving loan fund to target and market to veteran-owned enterprises and service disabled veteran-owned enterprises.	Chapter.617 of 2023
S 1711	Comrie	Relates to the correction of tax errors made by the nonprofit revitalization act.	Referred.
S 1737	Krueger	Establishes a local authorities searchable subsidy and economic development benefits database; relates to the obligations of certain industrial development agencies and local development corporations.	Passed Senate.
S 1826	Mattera	Requires the dormitory authority of the state of New York to fulfill all outstanding monetary commitments made to any local government for a fiscal year prior to allocating any monies to economic development grant programs for the following fiscal year.	Referred.
S 1850	Comrie	Authorizes the comptroller to audit local development corporations.	Referred.
S 1862	Ryan	Establishes the New York state innovation voucher program; provides small businesses with access to research and development by colleges and universities, government laboratories and public research institutes in order to assist such businesses in the creation of innovative products or services.	Passed Senate.
S 1883	Skoufis	Relates to obligations of members of economic development entities.	Referred.

S 1910	Cleare	Provides for the operation of a youth services unit within the port authority police department tasked with aiding youths in danger of exploitation.	Referred.
S 1936	Comrie	Provides for requirements for disposals and contracts for disposal of property.	Passed Senate.
S 1937	Comrie	Requires explanatory statements regarding disposal of property to include the names of all beneficial owners.	Passed Senate.
S 2005	Sanders	Creates the NYS entrepreneurial training act to provide grants to eligible applicants to support and train entrepreneurial candidates.	Referred.
S 2087	Kavanagh	Enacts the public benefits for professional facilities act.	Referred.
S 2206	Liu	Clarifies the application of the accountability standards, open meetings law and freedom of information requirements to local development corporations as defined in section two of the public authorities law.	Referred.
S 2297	Mayer	Allows for the examination of projects and/or actions by industrial development agencies and not-for-profit corporations by county comptrollers.	Passed Senate.
S 2451	Comrie	Makes certain not-for-profit corporations subject to the freedom of information and open meetings laws.	Passed Senate.
S 2452	Comrie	Relates to the water board's power to fix, revise, charge and collect and enforce the payment of fees, rates, rents and other service charges for the use of, or services furnished, rendered, or made available.	Referred.
S 2532	Comrie	Provides that any municipality that is served by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and initiates a comprehensive zoning plan that is designed in relation to its proximity and accessibility to a transportation hub, where more than 4 subway/bus lines converge, shall conduct an environmental impact review to determine if such transportation systems can assimilate increased ridership.	Referred.
S 2535	Comrie	Relates to project applications and advisory opinions of the public authorities control board.	Passed Senate.
S 2536	Comrie	Creates a land bank in a city with eight million or more residents by adoption of a local law by the city council; limits board membership to eleven members.	Referred.
S 2593	Comrie	Relates to the definition of office and the content of notices published in newspapers.	Referred.
S 2727-A	Skoufis	Relates to the applicability of open meetings and freedom of information laws to certain not-for-profit corporations.	Passed Both.

S 2765	Comrie	Creates the New York city parks construction authority and transfers the powers and duties relating to financing, construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities.	Referred.
S 2804	Lanza	Relates to appointments to the water board of the city of New York	Referred.
S 2805	Lanza	Authorizes the New York city water board to grant a 10 percent discount on NYC water bills to senior citizens and veterans.	Referred.
S 2872	Comrie	Exempts the metropolitan transportation authority from bond issuance charges otherwise required to be paid to the state.	Passed Senate.
S 2883	Comrie	Establishes the New American homebuyer assistance program within the state of New York mortgage agency to assist first time homebuyers by imposing flexible documentation guidelines that take into account foreign documentation of income and assets.	Referred.
S 2901	Comrie	Relates to port authority organization, appearance and notice; establishes the port authority transportation advisory committee.	Referred.
S 2914	Cleare	Relates to establishing a gender balance in the port authority; requires members of the board of commissioners and any officers of the port authority be appointed in a manner which will ensure that women comprise approximately fifty percent of the membership of the board or as officers of the port authority.	Referred.
S 2916	Cleare	Provides for the number of female directors required to serve on the board of directors of publicly traded domestic and authorized foreign corporations whose principal executive office according to the corporation's Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is located within New York state	Referred.
S 2921	Cleare	Relates to gender balance on boards of state and local public authorities; provides that all appointive state and local authorities heretofore or hereafter established by law or resolution shall have recommendations for appointments, or reappointments that are gender balanced.	Advanced.
S 2958	Kavanagh	Requires certain business recipients of state aid to perform an annual assessment of the business' social and environmental impact as assessed against a third party standard.	Referred.
S 2963-A	Kavanagh	Relates to establishing ground rent rebates for eligible homeowners and renters in the Battery Park project area; provides for a rebate program; provides for a process for application and certification.	Passed Senate.
S 3014	Comrie	Relates to applications for the approval and construction of energy-related projects of the New York Power Authority by the public authorities control board.	Passed Senate.

S 3019	Comrie	Relates to awards of certain contracts to small businesses or businesses certified under article 15-A of the executive law.	Referred.
S 3067	Stec	Establishes a commission on Lake Placid and a partner municipality hosting the olympic games.	Referred.
S 3246	Breslin	Authorizes land banks to lend money, to make grants and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or for the performance and enforcement of grant agreements.	Referred.
S 3410	Skoufis	Relates to the commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; requires that at least one of whom shall be a resident voter from either the county of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster or Westchester and one of whom shall be a resident voter from either the county of Nassau or Suffolk.	Referred.
S 3425	Myrie	Includes temporarily erected structures in the definition of “substandard or insanitary area”	Referred.
S 3437	Skoufis	Establishes a procedure for appointing a president or chairperson upon a vacancy of such position; corrects certain gendered language.	Reported to Finance.
S 3546*	Kennedy	Enacts the “food retail establishment subsidization for healthy communities act” (FRESH Communities); provides loans, loan guarantees, interest subsidies and grants to businesses, municipalities, not-for-profit corporations or local development corporations for the purpose of attracting, maintaining food retail establishments in underserved areas.	Passed Senate.
S 4037	Helming	Increases the bond authority of the Livingston county water and sewer authority from \$42,000,000 to \$70,000,000.	Chapter.384 of 2023
S 4168-B	Palumbo	Includes the Shelter Island Public Library Society with libraries eligible for the financing of projects through the dormitory authority.	Chapter.215 of 2023
S 4169	May	Enacts the water bill fairness act; authorizes local water and sewerage authorities to charge fees for surface runoff.	Referred.
S 4210	Lanza	Provides for the financing of emergency room facilities in two hospitals in each borough by the New York city health and hospitals corporation; requires representation on the board from each borough.	Referred.
S 4220	Griffo	Authorizes municipalities to purchase private residential real property located in a floodplain.	Referred.
S 4405	Comrie	Establishes environmental standards for public authorities.	Referred.

S 4416	Comrie	Provides that funds recovered from public authorities for the provision of governmental services and allocated to the independent authorities budget office shall only be used for direct expenses of the authorities budget office and may not be used for fringe benefits and indirect costs.	Referred.
S 4456	Comrie	Constitutes chapter 28-A of the consolidated laws as the interstate authorities law; continues all operations of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; repeals chapters relating to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.	Referred.
S 4488	Gallivan	Establishes the reimaging excess New York state property act; provides the reimaging excess New York state property authority shall purchase any abandoned, surplus or otherwise unused state-owned real property and reconstruct, renovate, replace, maintain, repair, enlarge, extend, operate, lease, as lessee or lessor, and/or regulate the repurposing of such properties.	Referred.
S 4539	Ramos	Establishes the New York title guaranty program to provide title insurance for real property within the state; establishes the New York title guaranty corporation to implement the New York title guaranty program.	Referred.
S 4611	Lanza	Relates to collective employment negotiations, notice of the issuance of debt and capital plans and projects of the port authority of New York and New Jersey.	Referred.
S 4628	Lanza	Requires a public hearing before procurements valued over one hundred thousand dollars are made overseas by public authorities.	Referred.
S 4632	Lanza	Provides for the continuation of express bus service to the south shore of Staten Island.	Referred.
S 4714	May	Exempts the Southwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed forty-five percent of the membership.	Chapter.383
S 4716	Krueger	Eliminates the requirement that limited liability companies publish their articles of organization and that certain partnerships publish their registrations; establishes the department of state modernization fund.	Referred.
S 4725	Sanders	Amends the membership of the New York city water board to include the five borough presidents, the mayor or a public member appointed by the mayor and a public member appointed by the governor who has experience in the science of water resource development.	Advanced.
S 4830-C *	Kennedy	Establishes a highway and depot charging needs evaluation to assist in achieving targets, including the advanced clean truck, advanced clean cars II rules and the zero-emissions school bus mandate.	Tabled.

S 4843	Parker	Prohibits the NYC water board from enacting any rules and regulations less favorable to the consumer, including timeframes for appeals and receiving refunds.	Referred.
S 4895	Murray	Requires public utility authorities to obtain legislative approval before raising rates or fees, or imposing new rates or fees.	Referred.
S 4942	Parker	Provides small businesses with grants of up to \$100,000 to commercialize energy and environmental technology innovations and ideas in-state to stimulate economic development.	Referred.
S 5041	Lanza	Authorizes certain organizations in a city of one million or more to be known as “fire patrols” under the not-for-profit corporation law; includes fire patrol vehicles as emergency vehicles under the vehicle and traffic law.	Referred.
S 5105	Cleare	Requires the Olympic regional development authority, in consultation with the department of environmental conservation and division of human rights to develop an anti-bias and inclusion training to be completed by employees of such agencies annually.	Referred.
S 5138	Krueger	Makes various provisions to reform local development corporations and industrial development agencies: conflicts of interest, standard tax exemption policies, municipal input, more information to be made public, economic impact statements, public hearings, and payment of prevailing wages.	Referred.
S 5154	Parker	Authorizes the urban development corporation to evaluate the geographical coverage of programs overseen by the corporation and to work with not-for-profit corporations to supplement the technical assistance needs for communities.	Referred.
S 5157	Parker	Relates to funds of the state; prohibits certain public authorities, commissions or public benefit corporations from depositing money in certain banking institutions.	Referred.
S 5164	Gallivan	Exempts the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. located in the town of Alden, county of Erie, from the forty-five percent limit on non-resident members.	Chapter.431 of 2023
S 5165	Webb	Provides grant funding, where available, for broadband services in non-competitive locations through the ConnectAll deployment program.	Referred.
S 5287	Mannion	Extends the authority of NYSARC, Inc. to maintain bonds until 2028	Chapter.292 of 2023
S 5404	Hoylman-Sigal	Expands service of process to the department of state in the city of New York.	Referred.

S 5581	Scarcella-Spanton	Authorizes certain licensed health service professionals to form limited liability companies.	Referred.
S 5587	Comrie	Relates to the indemnification of directors, officers and key persons; ensures the survival of indemnification in case of a merger or consolidation of a corporation; provides that once a right to indemnification arises, it continues to benefit a former director, officer or key person and her or his heirs and estate; makes related provisions.	Referred.
S 5590	Comrie	Requires all public authorities owning, leasing, and controlling critical infrastructure to study the potential consequences of privatization.	Referred.
S 5594	Comrie	Enacts the statewide transportation authority reinvestment (STAR) act; exempts mass transit authorities from bond issuance charges.	Referred.
S 5603 *	Comrie	Provides the NYC water board shall not establish a limit of less than six years to challenge any fee, rate, rent or other service charges for the use of or services furnished by the water board and/or sewerage systems.	Passed Senate.
S 5711	Mannion	Extends provisions related to the New York State Rehabilitation Association from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2028.	Chapter.288 of 2023
S 5784	Comrie	Provides that any cemetery corporation is permitted to retire any certificates or other instruments of indebtedness related to its operations to the benefit of such cemetery's permanent maintenance fund.	Reported from Committee
S 5806 *	Comrie	Authorizes non-membership not-for-profit corporations to classify boards through the by-laws and not solely through the certificate of incorporation.	Chapter.573 of 2023
S 5827 *	Cleare	Provides that lactation rooms in service areas which are maintained or operated by the New York state thruway authority shall display information for services related to human trafficking.	Chapter.494 of 2023
S 5939	Ashby	Permits the Albany Cemetery Association to file a certificate of amendment of certificate of incorporation with the department of state within one year of the effective date.	Reported from Committee
S 5954	Mannion	Provides that the Syracuse regional airport authority may acquire, hold, own, lease, establish, construct, effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate, improve, extend or repair any of its facilities through, and cause any one or more of its powers, duties, functions or activities to be exercised or performed by, no more than two wholly owned subsidiary corporations of the authority for the purposes of operating parking and concessions including food, beverage, and retail services, and airline and aircraft services including ticketing, baggage and fueling services and other services for the operation of the airport.	Chapter.393 of 2023

S 6183	Skoufis	Requires the Catholic Archdiocese follow certain procedures during the consolidation or merger of churches including requiring a vote by the parish councils and trustees of the consolidating or merging churches.	Referred.
S 6285	Comrie	Relates to cemetery trust funds and the maintenance and preservation of cemetery grounds.	Passed Senate.
S 6286	Comrie	Relates to consultation with affected parties on certain projects.	Reported from Committee.
S 6292 *	Kennedy	Increases the total amount of bonds the Buffalo sewer authority may issue from two hundred fifty million to five hundred million dollars.	Chapter.374 of 2023
S 6520	Harckham	Permits an incorporated firemen's benevolent association created by act of the legislature to include the following in the purposes of the association without an additional act of the legislature; to promote friendly association for the betterment of the members of the corporation;	Referred.
S 6552	Skoufis	Establishes the Middletown parking authority; provides for its powers, duties and obligations; repeals certain provisions relating thereto.	Chapter.597 of 2023
S 6601	Helming	Provides that a crematory or crematorium operated by a funeral entity may add an additional retort expressly and solely for use in an instance of mechanical or technical failure of an existing retort; makes related provisions.	Referred.
S 6627-A	Kennedy	Authorizes and directs the New York state power authority to rename the Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant located in the town of Lewiston, county of Niagara, to the Shirley J. Hamilton Niagara Power Plant.	Passed Senate.
S 6746	Ryan	Relates to reviews by the authorities budget office; grants the authorities budget office the authority to commence an action or special proceeding to annul the corporate existence or dissolve a corporation that has acted beyond its capacity or power; makes related provisions.	Referred.
S 6776 *	Comrie	Requires certain reports of public authorities are open for public inspection via the public authorities reporting information system.	Passed Senate.
S 6779	Parker	Enacts the HIRE NY act to provide zero interest loans through the urban development corporation for hiring by micro-businesses with fewer than five employees.	Referred.
S 6783	Parker	Requires the creation of a database to track the issuance of contracts by public authorities and state agencies with minority and women-owned businesses.	Referred.

S 6806	Skoufis	Relates to the sale of monuments; provides no religious corporation owning, managing or controlling a cemetery shall, directly or indirectly, engage in the sale of monuments, or authorize or permit any employee or trustee or director thereof to advertise or make known his or her relationship to such religious corporation or cemetery if such person is engaged in the sale of monuments outside of his or her employment by or affiliation with the religious corporation or the cemetery.	Referred.
S 6992	Brisport	Establishes the “Not on our dime!: Ending New York funding of Israeli settler violence act” to prohibit not-for-profit corporations from engaging in unauthorized support of Israeli settlement activity; allows for recovery of a civil penalty by the state attorney general; creates a private right of action for violations.	Referred.
S 7183	Parker	Requires not-for-profit corporations have a board of directors which reflects the ethnic demographics of the communities that they serve to be able to receive state funds.	Referred.
S 7191	Parker	Provides that municipal housing authorities in cities having a population of one million or more shall be subject to the review and regulation of the authorities budget office.	Referred.
S 7219	Hinchey	Exempts the Leeds Hose Company No. 1, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed forty-five percent of the membership.	Chapter.463 of 2023
S 7225-A	Mannion	Enacts the “Syracuse regional airport authority design-build act” allowing for the Syracuse regional airport authority to enter into a design-build contract for the installation, construction, demolition, reconstruction, excavation, rehabilitation, repair, and renovation in connection with a landside improvement project, terminal operational enhancement and aircraft deicing facility located in the towns of Cicero, De Witt and Salina at the Syracuse Hancock International Airport.	Chapter.418 of 2023
S 7276	Parker	Establishes the commission on education in the twenty-first century which shall examine the system of school districts and the delivery of education related services in the state and shall recommend changes to that system.	Referred.
S 7277	Parker	Prohibits the New York state environmental facilities corporation from entering into contracts, leases or other agreements with entities that are not compliant with the requirements of article five-A of the general municipal law regarding participation by minority- and women-owned businesses.	Referred.
S 7454	Martinez	Repeals provisions relating to the Suffolk county judicial facilities agency.	Chapter.467 of 2023
S 7480	Serrano	Extends provisions of law relating to the Terence Cardinal Cooke health care center until December 31, 2028.	Chapter.301 of 2023

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Another responsibility of the Committee is to consider nominations by the Governor for various transit Boards across the State. The following nominations were reviewed by Committee members and “passed” through our Committee successfully.

Date	Name	Position	Final Action
05.24.2023	Winston C. Fisher	Member of the Board of Port Authority NY NJ	Confirmed
05.24.2023	Neil J. Zuckerman	Member of the Board of the Metropolitan Transit Authority	Confirmed
05.24.2023	Heather Bird	Member of the Board of Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority	Confirmed
05.24.2023	Margo Dawn Downey	Member of the Board of Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority	Confirmed
05.24.2023	Tina Fitzgerald	Member of the Board of Central New York Regional Transportation Authority	Confirmed
05.24.2023	Daniel Cort	Inspector General at Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Confirmed
06.07.2023	John-Ross Rizzo, MD	Member of the Board of the Metropolitan Transit Authority	Confirmed
06.07.2023	Dennis Virtuoso	Member of the Board of Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority	Confirmed
06.07.2023	Michael Melamed	Member, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation	Confirmed

PUBLIC HEARINGS

In addition to its regular proceedings, on March 3, 2023, the Senate Standing Committee Corporations, Authorities and Commissions hosted a Joint Public Hearing with the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation chaired by Tim Kennedy. The purpose of this hearing was to receive an update on the MTA budget forecast, post-pandemic analysis of ridership and safety concerns, and Penn Station Redevelopment. There was testimony from Metropolitan Transit Authority, Manhattan Community Board 5, Amalgamated Transit Unions 1056 and 1179, New York City’s Independent Budget Office and several other stakeholders to garner a well rounded analysis on the transit authority.

Date	Hearing Topic	Hearing Synopsis
March 3, 2023	Metropolitan Transit Authority budget forecast, Pennsylvania Station Redevelopment and Post-Pandemic ridership analysis	The hearing addressed the potential fiscal cliff that MTA was facing in advance of the budget, how they have recovered in ridership statistics since the pandemic and what has worked to improve that, and an update on Penn Station regarding next steps in the process and the consideration of other potential proposals.



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