



Budget Priorities

New York State Budget: 2026-27

Please see below for the 2026-27 State Budget Priorities for the New York State Public Employees Federation (PEF) representing 56,000 professional, technical and scientific staff.

Issue	Description	Position
Fix Tier 6	Like all New Yorkers, public sector workers are facing an affordability crisis. Inflation continues to diminish purchasing power and health insurance costs are climbing faster than inflation. Too many workers are leaving public service to make ends meet further increasing on-boarding and overtime costs. Additional Tier 6 improvements are needed to improve the attraction and retention of career public servants.	SUPPORT - Legislation to improve the Tier 6 retirement plan.
Authorize Use of Body Scanners in Youth Detention and Justice Facilities ELFA Part J (S.9006/A.10006)	Authorizes locally-operated secure and specialized secure juvenile detention and State-operated juvenile justice facilities at OCFS to employ radiological body scanner technology to screen individuals detained in, committed to, visiting, or employed in such facilities for contraband.	SUPPORT - This proposal and expand it to cover all state-operated secure and forensic facilities for OMH/OPWDD (See also S.8054 Baskin/A.8232 Paulin) and appropriate \$10 million to implement.
Nurse Practitioner Modernization Act HMH Part B (S.9007/A.10007)	Makes permanent the waiver of requirements for nurse practitioners with 3,600 hours to have written agreement with physician and makes nurse practitioner modernization act permanent.	SUPPORT - This proposal would make affirm long-standing existing practice.
Remove Unnecessary Restrictions on Workers HMH Part N (S.9007/A.10007)	Transfers oversight functions with respect to the professional misconduct of physicians, physician assistants, and special assistants from the State Education Department (SED) to the Department of Health (DOH).	OPPOSE - This proposal would place these licensed professionals under Executive control.
Reduce Public Procurement Oversight PPG Part Y (S.9005/A.10005)	Make the procurement process for State agencies more "efficient" by increasing discretionary thresholds and streamlining procurement processes.	OPPOSE - This proposal would unnecessarily increases the discretionary purchase threshold for OGS eliminating important safeguards on the unilateral expenditure of tax-payers dollars.

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Impose Market-Based Interest Rate on Court Judgments PPG Part DD (S.9005/A.10005)	Permits a variable market-based, rather than fixed, interest rate to be assessed on court judgments and accrued claims, resulting in lower State taxpayer costs and relief to local governments.	OPPOSE – This proposal would reduce the interest rate applicable to judgements which creates an incentive for delays.
Cease IRMAA Medicare Reimbursement to high-income retirees PPG Part EE (S.9005/A.10005)	Eliminates the State’s reimbursement of the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAA) to high-income state retirees and their dependents enrolled in the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) and provide an annual premium refund to certain state retirees.	OPPOSE - It is unfair to unilaterally increase out of pocket costs for retirees on fixed incomes.
Enhance Transportation Worker Protections TED Part F (S.9008/A.10009)	Strengthens legal protections for certain transportation workers to deter assaults and hold offenders accountable.	SUPPORT – This proposal and expand it to cover all public employees (S.6045 by Sen. Baskin/A.3282 by Asm. Bronson).
Expand the Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement Program TED Part G (S.9008/A.10009)	Expands automated speed enforcement to additional roadways to further enhance work zone safety.	SUPPORT – This program has demonstrated success and should be expanded.
Establish Dedicated Funding for the Department of Labor to Enforce Wage and Other Laws	Policymakers have continued to underfund and understaff the NYS DOL limiting its ability to hold bad employers accountable for wage theft and other labor law violations.	OPPOSE - \$5.1 million for County District Attorneys to enforce state labor laws and PASS - The NYS “Worker Protection and Labor Enforcement Fund” (S.2455 by Asm. Bronson/ A.5022 by Sen. Ramos).
Appropriations Proposed by the Executive to Support New York’s Service Delivery Mission	Cultural Education Center Operating \$12M Albany’s Promise Initiative \$335M SUNY Downstate Operating \$100M SUNY Downstate Capital Re: \$750M SUNY Upstate Capital Re: \$450M Institute for Basic Research Capital Re: \$75M Roswell Park Cancer Institute Capital \$51.301M	SUPPORT - These appropriations and re-appropriations.

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