




Budget Priorities

New York State Budget: 2020-21

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Fast track closure of State facilities.	This proposal disregards current law and would authorize the Executive to close one or more correctional facilities following 90 days notice. Correction Law 79-a requires at least 12 months written notice to local governments and employer organizations so that all impacted parties have time to plan.	Closing facilities which directly impacts hundreds and indirectly impacts thousands with such short notice is bad for the inmates, the employees, their families and the host communities. REJECT A.9505/S.7505 Part F.
Continued underutilization of State engineers. This proposal would authorize six new agencies and authorities to permanently use design-build for projects. Eligible projects would be expanded to include buildings and appurtenant structures and the two-step design-build contract awarding process would become optional.	This proposal increases the number and scope of projects that can be designed, built and inspected by a single entity. State employees, whose only interest is public safety and quality of work, would not be consulted during the design phase or given final inspection authority.	REJECT this ill-conceived proposal (A.9508/S.7508 Part DD). A single entity, with a vested financial interest, should not have control over the entirety of important public projects.
The continued cuts to the funding for SUNY's three teaching hospitals and Roswell Park Cancer Institute.	These proposals will leave our critically important public hospitals and Roswell Park dramatically underfunded. Our struggling health care facilities need this funding so they may continue to serve all New Yorkers.	RESTORE the traditional \$87 million subsidy for the three SUNY hospitals, with an emphasis on SUNY Downstate. RESTORE the \$13.3 million cut to Roswell Park's subsidy.

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<p>Moving mentally ill and sex offenders into more “cost-effective” setting that do not provide the level of care that is needed for the clients.</p>	<p>Jails are not conducive to mental rehabilitation. Mentally ill individuals’ needs are best served when they are cared for in dedicated hospitals and/or State-operated, PEF member-staffed facilities. Similarly, sexual offenders should be in acute, inpatient-level staffed facilities, not put into “residential treatment,” where there is less staff and care.</p>	<p>REJECT the notion that jails may serve as mental health facilities and defeat this proposal (A. 9507/S.7507 Part W). REJECT the proposal to move sex offenders into less acute, residential-level care (A. 9507/S.7507 Part X).</p>
<p>Stop harmful proposals that impact retirees by a) capping the Medicare Part B reimbursement at \$144.60 per month b) ending Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAA) reimbursements, costing affected retirees between \$694 and \$4,164 and c) making future retirees pay a higher percentage of health care costs, based on the number of years of State service.</p>	<p>If adopted, this would constitute a significant diminishment of established healthcare benefits for Medicare-eligible retirees enrolled in the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP). This reduced health care benefit proposal creates a powerful disincentive to join the State workforce.</p>	<p>REJECT these proposals which compel retirees on fixed incomes to fill budget shortfalls and will further chill the recruitment of new workers (A.9505/S.7505 Parts S, U & V)</p>
<p>Giving away State jobs to more expensive, less experienced outside vendors.</p>	<p>State agencies continue to rely heavily on consultant services and outsourcing of work that once was, and should still be, done by State employees. Studies conducted by NYS Comptrollers have shown that State workers provide better services for less money. Continuing to outsource work does a disservice to all taxpayers in New York.</p>	<p>REINVEST in State agencies (OITS, OMH, OPWDD, DOT, etc.) that have been forced to do less with less due to past cuts and recent flat budgets. Also, REJECT the proposal to expand allowing ITS comprehensive technology service contracts, which allows the same firm to design and implement IT systems (A. 9505/S.7505 Part X)</p>

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