

2007-08 Executive Budget
21-Day Amendments
February 21, 2007

**Amendments to Senate 2106; Assembly 4306
(Public Protection and General Government Article VII Bill)**

Part G, amending Chapter 261 of the Laws of 1987, amending chapters 50, 53, and 54 of the Laws of 1987, the Correction Law, the Penal Law and other chapters and laws relating to correctional facilities, is amended to:

- Make technical correction

Part I, relating to the salaries of judges and justices of the Unified Court System is amended to:

- Authorize the payment to non-New York City counties of an annual \$70,000 grant to partially defray the cost of county district attorney salaries.

Part N, relating to public work contracts - Executive Law is amended to:

- Declare that threshold adjustments will begin in September of 2008 and remove the Producer Price Index for Non-residential Buildings as the inflationary rate in adjusting the applicable Wicks thresholds and replace it with the Producer Price Index for New School Building Construction.
- Permit the use of project labor agreements as an alternative to bidding based on separate specifications and ensure certain subcontractor protections for WICKs exempt projects.

Part O, relating to Aid and incentives to municipalities, is amended to:

- Make technical corrections

Part Q, relating to providing for the administration of certain funds and authorizing the State Comptroller to deposit funds to accounts, is amended to:

- Make technical corrections
- Permit, subject to Federal authorization, the transfer of up to \$28 million from the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Renovation account to UI Administration which would enable the Department of Labor to use the funds for purposes other than capital improvements, such as UI system modernization. (Section 2)
- Increase deposit authorization in the new Rainy Day Reserve Fund by \$50 million, to a total of \$175 million.

- Correct the account designation from (EZ) to (EK) relating to the transfer of funds between miscellaneous special revenue-other seized asset accounts. (Section 2)
- Insert language into section 67-b of the State Finance Law to clarify the provision applies to 'new" obligations. (Section 30)
- Inserts language into section 67-b of the State Finance Law to exclude the New York City Transitional Finance Authority building aid bonds authorized pursuant to part A-3 of Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2006 from the provisions of subdivision 6 of this section. (Section 30)
- Technical correction to section 67-c of the State Finance Law to clarify the treatment of refundings under the applicable bond caps. (Section 36)
- Technical correction to paragraph (c) of subdivision 14 of section 1680 of the Public Authorities Law - City University of New York (CUNY) to clarify the applicable subparagraph for the bond cap being replaced. (Section 40)
- Technical correction to subdivision 12 of section 3 of the Public Buildings Law to clarify treatment of PILOT payments relating to building leases that may be refinanced. (Section 71)
- Allow the State Park Infrastructure Fund to be subject to section 98-a of the State Finance Law, which will allow the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation to annually opt in or out of the Short Term Interest Pool, and avoid interest charges that are increasing the current negative balance. (Section 115)
- Make a technical correction to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2007 to provide that certain definitions are in the correct section of law. (New Section)

Part R, relating to technical amendments to Civil Service Law and State Finance Law is added to:

- Allow the Employee Health Insurance Fund to be spent without appropriation.