

Legislation Required for the Budget

Education, Labor and Family Assistance

- Amend Education Law and make other changes necessary to authorize School Aid and implement education-related programs in the Executive Budget.
- Authorize the \$2 billion Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014 to be submitted for voter approval in November of 2014.
- Amend Education Law and State Finance Law as necessary to implement the Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014.
- Establish the Nurse Practitioners Modernization Act.
- Amend Education and Executive Law in relation to the investigation and reporting of patterns of harassment, bullying or discrimination and removal of school officers.
- Extend anti-discrimination protections to students who attend public schools.
- Establish a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) College Scholarship Program for the top 10 percent of High School students.
- Extend the New York State Higher Education Capital Matching Grant Program.
- Authorize the pass-through of any Federal Supplemental Security Income Cost of Living Adjustment which becomes effective on or after January 1, 2015.
- Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Restriction.
- Mortgage Insurance Fund Utilization.
- Expand educational services at Office of Children and Family Services youth facilities and extend the timeframe for facility closures under the Close to Home initiative.

Health and Mental Hygiene

- Make changes to the General Public Health Work program, improve HIV testing, restructure certain health research and education programs, promote capital access to strengthen health care infrastructure, provide relief from unnecessary State requirements and authorize new health care service delivery models.
- Reauthorize provisions of the Health Care Reform Act (HCRA) for three years.
- Make statutory changes necessary to continue implementation of Medicaid Redesign Team recommendations.

- Expand existing exemption in the Nurse Practice Act to direct care staff in non-certified settings funded, authorized or approved by OPWDD.
- Extend for three years the clarification that Office of Mental Health and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities facility directors who act as representative payees may use a person's funds for their care and treatment consistent with federal law and regulations.
- Authorize the Office of Mental Health to continue to recover Medicaid exempt income from providers of community residences.
- One-year deferral of the human services "Cost-of-Living Adjustment".

Public Protection and General Government

- Increase license sanctions for multiple alcohol- and drug-related driving offenses, and increase fines for certain alcohol- and drug-related driving offenses.
- Increase license sanctions for texting and cell phone violations committed by persons under the age of 21, and increase the maximum fines for all texting and cell phone use while driving violations.
- Continue provisions relating to the disposition of certain monies recovered by county district attorneys.
- Suspend a subsidy to a revolving loan fund from cell surcharge revenues.
- An act to amend the Civil Service Law in relation to the reimbursement of Medicare premium charges.
- Support the previous consolidation of information technology staff and services within the Office of Information Technology Services.
- Extend the authorization for local governments and school districts to piggyback on certain county, state, and federal contracts and extend the authorization for joint purchases of electricity and fuel from the Office of General Services for both local governments and state agencies.
- The Public Trust Act, Campaign Finance Reform, and Public Campaign Financing.
- Authorization for transfers, temporary loans, and amendments to miscellaneous capital/debt provisions, including bond caps.

Revenue

- Corporate tax reform.
- Allow direct payment of STAR tax savings in certain cases.

- Extend fees for the establishment of oil and gas unit of production values.
- Require racing regulatory fee to cover the cost of regulation.
- Modify signature requirements on e-filed returns prepared by tax professionals.
- Eliminate annual cost of living adjustment for income standard applicable to the Enhanced STAR exemption.
- Extend the Noncustodial Parent Earned Income Tax Credit for two years.
- Mandate for professional and business licenses electronic tax clearance upon application or renewal.
- Close the resident trust loophole.
- Repeal the additional minimum personal income tax.
- Establish the residential real property personal income tax credit.
- Establish a renter's personal income tax credit.
- Modify delivery of the family tax relief credit after Tax Year 2014.
- Increase the personal income tax filing threshold to reduce the number of taxpayers who need to file personal income tax returns.
- Extend the Empire State Commercial Production Tax Credit for two years.
- Authorize additional credits of \$8 million for the low-income housing credit for each of the next two fiscal years.
- Extend and Reform the Brownfield Cleanup Program.
- Establish a 20 percent real property tax credit for manufacturers.
- Eliminate the net income tax on upstate manufacturers.
- Reform the investment tax credit.
- Repeal the financial services investment tax credit.
- Repeal the franchise tax on agriculture cooperatives.
- Provide a refundable credit for the excise tax on telecommunication services paid by START-UP NY companies.
- Enhance the youth works tax credit.
- Extend the alternative fuels tax exemptions for two years.

- Simplify the distribution of motor vehicle fee receipts.
- Comprehensive estate tax reform.
- Repeal the boxing and wrestling exhibitions tax.
- Extend Monticello Raceway Video Lottery Terminal rates for one year.
- Extend certain tax rates and certain simulcasting provisions for one year.
- Extend the Video Lottery Gaming (VLG) vendor's capital awards program for one year.
- Repeal Article 12 of the Tax Law.
- Align mobility and personal income tax filings for the self-employed.
- Make technical amendments to the commercial gaming law.
- Provide a two-year property tax freeze through a refundable personal income tax credit.

Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation

- Allow the Department of Transportation to make payments to municipalities from appropriations for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program, Suburban Highway Improvement Program, Multi-Modal and Marchiselli programs.
- Make the Infrastructure Investment Act permanent and extend the provisions to certain local entities.
- Consolidate two existing Special Revenue Funds within the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund (DHBTF), and makes technical corrections to two expiration dates in existing law.
- Make permanent the authorization of the Department of Motor Vehicles to serve the public on Saturdays.
- Make permanent the authorization of the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide the Accident Prevention Course Internet Program.
- Bring New York State into compliance with federal requirements relating to medical certifications of commercial driver's license holders.
- Strengthen enforcement measures against persistent toll violators.
- Make permanent the pesticide product registration fees and the timeframes for pesticide product registration review and streamlines pesticide reporting requirements.

- Implement Open for Fishing and Hunting II by enhancing New York’s fish and wildlife program, including authorizing the use of crossbows, creating 3- and 5-year hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, reducing 7-day fishing license fees, authorizing promotional reduced license fees and 6 additional free fishing days, increasing the availability of private property for recreational activities; and authorizing distinctive license plates.
- Authorize the Department of Agriculture and Markets to withhold the renewal of a food processing license to establishments that have outstanding penalties of \$2,400 or more.
- Authorize the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to finance a portion of its research, development and demonstration, and policy and planning programs, and to finance the Department of Environmental Conservation’s climate change program, from an assessment on gas and electric corporations.
- Authorize and direct the Comptroller to receive for deposit to the credit of the General Fund a payment of up to \$913,000 from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.
- Require retail gasoline outlets located in strategic locations in upstate New York to have emergency back-up power capacity.
- Extend for one year the authority of the Secretary of State to charge increased fees for expedited handling of documents.
- Authorize the Department of State to send copies of incorporation certificates to each county clerk electronically.
- Authorize the State to charge the fee required by federal law for including real estate appraisers on the federal National Registry of real appraisers.
- Authorize the Department of Health to finance certain activities with revenues generated from an assessment on cable television companies.
- Authorize the Department of Public Service to increase efficiencies, reduce spending, and ease the administrative burden for three programs: Telecommunications Regulation, Shared Metering, and Cable Franchising.
- Eliminate the assessment on industrial utility customers and accelerate the phase out for all other utility customers.
- Enhance consumer protection through no-fault automobile insurance fraud reform.
- Enhance insurance coverage for out-of-network health care services.
- Provide for the licensure of title insurers doing business in New York State.
- Extend the authorization for the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to enter into certain design and construction management agreements.

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- Extend the authority of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to establish one or more subsidiaries for certain purposes.
- Eliminate the fee charged for loans provided to certain health care facilities.
- Extend the authorization of the New York State Urban Development Corporation to administer the Empire State Economic Development Fund.
- Extend the general loan powers of the New York State Urban Development Corporation.