

Prohibiting Unauthorized Fund Transfers To Personnel Budget Lines

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Gregorius, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk) and The Health and Personnel Committee (Chairman Aiello and Legislators Belfiglio, Robert Parete, Provenzano and Ronk)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Charter deems the Ulster County Legislature as the legislative, appropriating and policy-determining body of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is committed to open and transparent government; and

WHEREAS, section C-11(a) of the Charter states that the Legislature has the power to make appropriations, levy taxes, incur indebtedness and adopt a budget, including a capital program; and

WHEREAS, when the Legislature adopts a budget, it expects that all appointing authorities will use the appropriated funds in accordance with its designation; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature deems that when an appointing authority transfers funds from various accounts to personnel lines for the purpose of increasing a County employee's salary or other benefits, it is contrary to open and transparent government; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that no appointing authority shall transfer funds from any budget line item to a personnel budget line for the purposes of increasing salary or benefits without obtaining the approval of the Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the appointing authority seeking authorization to transfer funds from any budget line to a personnel budget line shall file with the Clerk of the Legislature a request that shall include the name of the employee of whose salary and/or benefits would be increased, the personnel budget line from which the employee gets paid, and the budget line item from which the funds would be transferred; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that in the event the Legislature does not approve the transfer of funds, the appointing authority shall be prohibited from making such transfer;

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

Postponed in Committee: Health and Personnel on December 2, 2013

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE