

Urging The State Legislature To Oppose The Proposed Shift Of 100 Percent Of The Cost Of Juvenile Detention Facilities To Counties

The Human Development Committee (Chairman Gregorius and Legislators Loughran, Provenzano, Stoeckeler, Hansut, Noonan and Terrizzi) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) strongly opposes the unprecedented 2008-09 Executive Budget proposal that ends the state/local partnership in funding the costs associated with operating local detention facilities by requiring counties to assume 100 percent of the cost, and

WHEREAS, according to the 2008-09 Executive Budget proposal, effective April 1, 2008, counties will assume the full cost of youth placed by the Family Court in secure and non-secure detention facilities, and

WHEREAS, currently, the State reimburses counties 50 percent for secure and non-secure detention costs but by shifting the cost completely to counties, the State's estimated savings for this initiative is \$35.4 million, and

WHEREAS, the policy rationale behind this cost-shift is the State's recommendation that counties find alternative, diversion programs for these youth, such as community-based solutions, however, there is no possibility of diversion or other community-based alternatives for a youth who has been placed in a secure detention facility, and

WHEREAS, this is an example of a break in a state/local partnership, where local property taxpayers will be directly impacted, and

WHEREAS, at the time of this proposal, the State is currently in the process of closing many of their state owned and operated secure detention facilities, which will result in immediate state savings, and

WHEREAS, the Human Development Committee has met and reviewed this legislative initiative with a majority of members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed this legislative initiative with a majority of members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that NYSAC urges the State Legislature to oppose this policy and fiscal shift of 100 percent of the cost of juvenile detention facilities to counties, and to focus on strengthening, not severing, the local/state partnership, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Paterson, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper,

and moves its adoption

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
UNKNOWN

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