

Urging The New York State Governor And New York State Legislature To Maintain And Return Funding To The Current Youth Bureau System And The Youth Delinquency Prevention, Intervention And Youth Development Programs Throughout Ulster County

The Laws and Rules Committee (Chairman Bischoff and Legislators Cahill, Decker, R.S. Parete, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Cummings, Maloney and Roberts) and Legislators Briggs, Dart, Donaldson, Gregorius, Hochberg, Lomita, Loughran, R.A. Parete, Provenzano, Shapiro, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, Governor Paterson has submitted his budget recommending a “Youth Development Block Grant”, and

WHEREAS, this proposed block grant would consolidate Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention (YDDP), Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SSPP), Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA), Alternatives to Detention, Alternatives to Residential Placement and Secure and Non-Secure Detention Service funds, and

WHEREAS, the proposed cost saving measures and enhanced local control, combining mandated, non-secure and secure detention services with prevention funding would pit comprehensive community based programs against the more costly use of detention programs, and

WHEREAS, Youth Development, Prevention and Intervention is essential in critical services to youth, and

WHEREAS, New York State is abandoning its long-time leadership and partnership in youth delinquency prevention, intervention and development services as articulated in Article 19-A, Section 420 of New York’s Executive Law, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Ulster County believes that providing services and programs for youth is an investment, not only in delinquency prevention, but also in the development of our young people in all ways thus enriching our society and nation, and

WHEREAS, the Laws and Rules Committee has met and reviewed said request with the majority of members voting approval, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Ulster County hereby requests that Governor Paterson and the New York State Legislature maintain the current youth development and delinquency prevention funding streams and eliminate the concept of youth program block grant funding; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Governor and Legislature uphold Article 19-A, Section 420 of the Executive Law to maintain the current youth bureau system, which is in the best interest of the 48,862 youth aided by youth development and prevention services in Ulster County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor David Paterson, the New York State Comptroller's Office, Senate Majority Leader Dean G. Skelos, Senate Minority Leader Malcolm Smith, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canestrari, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin A. Cahill, Clifford W. Crouch, Peter Lopez and Frank K. Skartados, the New York State Association of Counties, and the New York State Association of Youth Bureaus,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Harris and R.A. Parete)
(Legislator Petit left at 8:15 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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