

**Official Summaries of Budget Bills Analyzed in the Brennan Center's 2008 Report,
*Still Broken: New York State Legislative Reform 2008 Update***

2006

BUDGET BILL - S6456C

Amd Various Laws, generally

Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the public protection and general government budget for the 2006-07 state fiscal year; creates a permanent aid and incentives for municipalities (AIM) program and the shared municipal services incentives (SMSI) program; establishes a new state aid program for municipalities in which a video lottery facility is located; authorizes interest earnings on the health insurance fund to be used as a credit; authorizes cash transfers between funds, temporary loans for various funds and certain bond caps; extends the 1995 procurement stewardship act; relates to fine amounts imposed by the state liquor authority; extends the motor fuel marketing practices act; extends the authorization to fund part of the state's public safety efforts with vehicle and traffic law enforcement fees; amends the schedule of payments-in-lieu of taxes made to the city of Albany for the Empire State Plaza; establishes the New York alcoholic beverage control problem premises task force; relates to bi-monthly reports of certain lobbyists and public corporations; relates to the Operation IMPACT program report; and makes provisions relating to disaster planning and preparedness program.

BUDGET BILL - S6457C

Amd Various Laws, generally

Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the health, mental health budget for the 2006-07 state fiscal year; relates generally to public health; health reform; directs the commissioner of health to develop statewide areas/regional benchmarks regarding racial/ethnic disparities and to develop and implement the public health leaders of tomorrow program; early intervention services; state aid for municipalities; elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage program; establish a cost of living adjustment for designated human services programs; additional state payments for certain eligible individuals; allocations for worker retraining, Roswell Park, anti-tobacco program, public health programs, EPIC; excess medical malpractice, nursing home financially distressed, pharmacy, family health plus, health care efficiency and affordability law for New Yorkers; HCRA surcharges, assessments and covered lives assessment; bad debt and charity care; high need indigent care; state planning and research cooperative systems and the health care reform act pool reporting requirements; personal care services and worker recruitment and retention program; area health education centers; HCRA resources fund; establish the office of health e-links New York; implementing the state fiscal plan for the 2006-2007 state fiscal year; economically sustainable transportation; Medicaid rate or fee reimbursement for certain alcohol primary care detoxification providers; authorize the dormitory authority of the state of New York to sell certain lands in the county of Queens to the Indian Cultural and Community Center, Inc.; eliminating designation of suburban/rural comprehensive psychiatric emergency programs and to continue such programs as urban programs; extends various provisions of law relating generally to public health and mental health; repeals certain provisions of law relating thereto.

BUDGET BILL- 6458C

Amends Various Laws, generally

Enacts major components of legislation relating to education, labor and family assistance which are necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2006-2007 state fiscal year; makes provisions relating to the computation of school aid; relates to funding for the work force education program; amends chapters 82 of the laws of 1995, chapter 472 of the laws of 1998, chapter 405 of the laws of 1999, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; provides for special equalization rates for the Tuckahoe union free school district; relates to school health services; relates to powers of the board of cooperative educational services; amends chapter 57 of the laws of 2004, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; creates the New York state cultural education trust; expands our children's education and learning (EXCEL); relates to diplomas of distinction; pertains to records to be kept by school districts and apportionment of public moneys to certain school districts; relates to the code of ethics and specifications for certain public works; amends chapter 169 of the laws of 1994, relating to the expiration thereof; amends chapter 472 of the laws of 1998, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; establishes an inter-agency task force on transition from early intervention to special education; enacts the city of Syracuse and board of education of the city school district of the city of Syracuse cooperative school reconstruction act; relates to apportionment of public moneys to school districts and funding for libraries; relates to funding for Shoreham-Wading River Central School district; provides for additional general support for public schools; establishes the Senator Charles D. Cook commission on local education finance reform; relates to additional bonds for an emergency school capital plan; provides for a STAR tax rebate; and further establishes the New York state cultural education trust and provides for powers and duties.

BUDGET BILL - S6459C

Amd Various Laws, generally

Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year; removes surf clam and quahog fees sunset date and makes the fees permanent; authorizes additional purposes to be funded from the environmental protection fund; contains language that authorizes ERDA to obtain revenue for its research, development and demonstration program and policy and planning program from an assessment on gas and electric corporations; increases food inspection penalty fees; authorizes and directs ERDA to make a payment to the general fund and to the environmental conservation special revenue fund, low level radioactive waste account; increases various DEC regulatory fees including concentrated animal feeding operations, dam safety and others; establishes an all terrain vehicle program; makes technical corrections for agriculture and markets fees; increases operating permit program emission fees on stationary sources of air pollution; authorizes annual funding for bonded local highway and bridge capital aid; authorizes the department of transportation to bid construction projects inclusive of the cost of professional engineering services; relates to increases of department of motor vehicle photo identification documents to include application of such fees to non-license DMV identification cards; expands the department of environmental conservation's authority to regulate certain wetlands; agreements relating to Governor's Island; designation of additional empire zones; creates the conservation coordination task force; legislative committee appointments; thoroughbred racing, and breeding payouts; tribal-state compact revenues; adds Oneida county to the service district of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority; increases penalties for banking violations; expands excelsior linked deposit program; increases the maximum penalties for insurance law violations; repeals mandatory food safety inspections; authorizes the dormitory authority to provide financing for Hadassah; supports operations of the Cornell Theory Center for 2006-2007; provides for a three year phase out of the bond issuance charge on public authorities; provides for one-time funding for Lower Manhattan redevelopment initiatives; and extends the Power for Jobs and the Energy Cost Savings Benefit Programs.

2007

BUDGET BILL - S2106C

Amd Various Laws, generally

Specifies the manner of distribution to local governments of certain criminal justice funding; relates to the effectiveness of numerous provisions of law; extends the applicability of the plan of operation and grant award process of the New York motor vehicle theft and insurance fraud prevention demonstration project; relates to allowing parole violators to be incarcerated by the department of correctional services prior to revocation of parole; relates to aid and incentives for municipalities; relates to the annual reports of costs related to the statewide wireless network; relates to the state district attorney loan forgiveness program.

BUDGET BILL - S2107C

Amd Various Laws, generally

Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the education, labor and family assistance budget for the 2007-2008 state fiscal plan; relates to regents standards and academic performance; designates a member of the board of regents to serve on the New York state cultural education trust; relates to funds provided to the city school district for the city of New York for teacher resource and computer training centers for the 2006-2007 school year; authorizes the commissioner of education to expend money for formula grants to public library systems in the 2007-2008 state fiscal year, teacher resource and computer training centers, special education classification reviews, the textbook factor and the library materials factor for the 2007-2008 school year, the amount annually appropriated for general support for public schools commencing with the 2011-2012 school year, the determination of selected actual evaluation, the computation of pupil counts and related factors, apportionment of public moneys to certain school districts, transitional aid for charter school payments, the universal pre-kindergarten program, charter schools, full-day kindergarten transition planning grants, supplemental educational improvement grants and the excelsior scholars program for certain students; extends certain provisions relating to establishing a program of capital financing for public broadcasting stations; relates to the state lottery fund; relates to the purchase of medical and health services by the city school district of the city of Rochester; establishes a temporary task force on preschool special education; relates to magnet school set asides; repeals certain provisions of the education law relating to annual apportionments to school districts; establishes a "Middle Class STAR" rebate program; relates to credits against tax; relates to reimbursement payments to the city of New York; relates to repealing certain provisions relating to a local real property tax rebate and a state income tax credit; relates to charter schools; relates to eligibility requirements and conditions governing awards and loans; relates to financial aid for students in higher education; relates to the Senator Patricia K. McGee nursing faculty scholarship program and the New York state nursing faculty loan forgiveness incentive program; relates to state aid for high needs nursing programs for certain independent institutions of higher learning; repeals part T of chapter 58 of the laws of 2006, relating to establishing the empire innovation program for the state university of New York; repeals part U of chapter 58 of the laws of 2006, relating to establishing the empire innovation program for the city university of New York; discontinues services and operations at the Brooklyn and Mt. Vernon community residential homes; establishes the youth facility per diem account; relates to the reimbursement owed to the state by the social services districts for expenditures made by the office of children and family services for the care, maintenance and supervision of youth in office facilities and programs; relates to preventive services funding; makes part C of chapter 83 of the laws of 2002 amending the executive law and other laws relating to funding for children and family services, in relation to making the provisions of such part permanent; establishes an executive board within the state commission for the blind and visually handicapped; relates to improving performance and providing flexibility in the allocation of temporary assistance for needy families;

authorizes the office of children and family services to expand its demonstration project pertaining to the use of portable information technology by child protective services caseworkers; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof; requires that award allocations be made available on the website; provides for a demonstration project to test best practices in certain child advocacy centers; relates to a child care enrollment facilitation demonstration project; establishes the office of ombudsman; establishes the New York state health care quality and cost containment commission; relates to the mandatory surcharge required in certain cities for parking, stopping and standing violations; relates to certain agreements between the dormitory authority and Cornell University; requires the urban development corporation to submit comprehensive financial plans to the director of the budget for approval; provides funding for certain community projects; establishes the dairy assistance program; relates to a program.

BUDGET BILL - S2108C

Amd Various Laws, generally

Amends the New York Health Care Reform Act of 1996 and 2000, extends time provisions related thereto; expands the child health insurance plan, extends distribution of pool allocations; amends chapter 703 of the laws of 1998 relating to expanded health care and catastrophic health care coverage; amends chapter 731 of 1993 relating to reimbursement, delivery and capital costs of ambulatory health care services and inpatient services; relates to elderly pharmaceutical insurance coverage program; to the early intervention program and account; to the office of professional medical conduct; and to physician biennial licensing fees; extends the expanded syringe access demonstration program; requires body mass index screening for school children; enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the health, mental health budget for the 2007-2008 state fiscal year; makes various provisions relating to medical reimbursement and welfare reform, rates for residential health care facilities; relates to medical assistance eligibility of certain persons and providing for managed medical care demonstration programs; relates to payments for medical assistance; relates to the method of payment for prescription drugs under medical assistance programs; relates to health care providers; add crimes relating to health care fraud; relates to encouraging comprehensive health services and health reform; and various other provisions; repeals certain provisions relating thereto; relates to mental health provider assessments; relates to establishment of programs promoting culturally and linguistically competent mental health; relates to creating the mental retardation and developmental disabilities service quality improvement demonstration program; relates to reviewing medicaid reimbursement for the provision of long term therapies and psychotherapy for certain licenses clinical social workers; establishes the empire state stem cell board and establishes the empire state stem cell trust fund.

BUDGET BILL - S2109C

Amd Various Laws, generally

Authorizes funding for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and Marchiselli programs for state fiscal year 2007-2008; provides for the utilization of utility assessment funds; provides for the transfer of moneys from the New York state energy research and development authority; relates to the transfer of money from the general fund to the environmental protection fund; relates to the deposit and disposition of revenues; relates to the pollution prevention institute program; relates to the community services block grant program; increases the amount of funds the comptroller can allocate for the excelsior linked deposit program; relates to the use of monies in the hazardous waste remediation oversight and assistance account; relates to the monetary limitation on contracts entered into with neighborhood preservation companies and not-for-profit corporations for housing preservation and community renewal activities; relates to the effectiveness of various provisions of law.

BUDGET BILL - S2110C

Amd Various Laws, generally

Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the revenue budget for the 2007-2008 state fiscal plan; relates to simulcasting and the imposition of certain taxes pertaining to racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding; relates to computing the business allocation percentage under article 9-A of the tax law; makes permanent the authority of the department of taxation and finance to collect unpaid child support; extends certain provisions of law relating to franchise tax on certain banking institutions; extends provisions of chapter 508 of the laws of 1993 relating to enforcement of taxes on alcoholic beverages with respect to liquors from October 31, 2007 to October 31, 2009; relates to the effectiveness of certain provisions; permits certain banking corporations otherwise subject to tax to be taxed under the administrative code of the city of New York; requires a combined report to be filed by corporations under state franchise taxes on business corporations and insurance corporations that have substantial intercorporate transactions; authorizes the commissioner of taxation and finance to disregard a personal service corporation or S corporation if it is determined that such entity was formed or availed of to avoid or evade New York state income tax; requires a corporation that files as a federal S corporation to automatically file as a New York S corporation if certain requirements are met; provides a credit against income tax for persons or entities investing in low-income housing; relates to the tax rates for articles 9-A, 32 and 33 of the tax law and in relation to the metropolitan transportation authority tax surcharge under article 9-A of the tax law; relates to the distribution of moneys collected from the franchise taxes on transportation and transmission corporations and associations; replaces the highway use tax permit with a registration requirement; relates to the determination of entire net income of corporations under articles 9-A, 32 and 33 of the tax law; provides conditions under which certain corporations are subject to corporation franchise tax and a definition of banking corporation; provides for the treatment of certain expenses attributable to subsidiary capital and government obligations for purposes of state and city of New York franchises taxes on banking corporations; also provides for the computation of the payroll percentage of the allocation factor by banking corporations; relates to the credit against income tax for persons or entities investing in low-income housing; relates to the exemption from the franchise tax on insurance corporations for town or county cooperative insurance corporations; makes permanent the disclosure and penalty provisions relating to transactions that present the potential for tax avoidance set forth in part N of chapter 61 of the laws of 2005; relates to filing requirements for related corporations with substantial intercorporate transactions; modifies elementary and secondary school tuition in relation to deductions for income tax purposes; relates to modifying the New York itemized deduction; relates to the limited liability company filing fee; relates to extending a real property tax abatement for certain commercial properties in cities of one million or more and extends a special reduction under the commercial rent tax in the city of New York.