Children with Special Needs

- Improve the Early Intervention Program by addressing the lack of providers in many areas through a state-funded 5% provider rate increase.
- Require school districts to transport preschool children to programs, and reimburse through an equal cost share between the county, state, and school district.
- Require providers to maximize third party payments prior to seeking payment from counties and the state.
- Cap county fiscal liability for preschool special ed.
- Expand Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) to include children with special needs.

- Expand the Bottle Bill to include more glass containers, such as liquor, wine, and iced tea bottles.
- Enact S.5655/A.7561-A into law, expanding the ZEV rebate for municipalities.

Gaming

- Resolve the gaming compact dispute between the State of New York and the Seneca Nation and hold counties harmless through state payments in the interim.
- Share sports gaming revenue with all New York counties and include off track betting corporations.

- Make permanent housing the central focus of preventing homelessness.
- Fully fund the family support service programs to help prevent PINS children from further involvement with the child welfare system.
- Fully fund the costs of any services the state continues to provide when the federal government ends their federal financial support.

- Support investments in shovel-ready sites.
- Authorize Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs) to provide loans and grants.
- Prioritize and expand broadband and cellular coverage to unserved and under-served communities.

- Fund local educational initiatives related to recycling.
- Support battery stewardship legislation.
- Continue support for PFAS and water contamination remediation.
- Renew the $3 million appropriation for e-waste collection and disposal programs.
- Provide funding for counties to administer Septic System Replacement and release round 2 of funding.

- Enact “No New Unfunded Mandates” legislation and cap current state mandated costs at a rate that does not exceed the state-imposed property tax cap.
- Eliminate the use of “dark store theory” as a way to lower property tax assessments and create a task force to find solutions.
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Medicaid
- Lower county and New York City statutory Medicaid caps to reflect current payments and savings provided by the Affordable Care Act.
- Expand the scope of special transportation services for children who are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.
- Preserve county Medicaid cost caps.

Public Safety
- Fully fund county costs related to implementing criminal justice reforms.
- Reimburse counties for detaining state parole violators at local jails for over 10 days.
- Oppose the HALT Act without state funding resources to expand rehabilitative units and fund treatment costs.
- Authorize court consolidation.
- Enhance counties’ share of the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge to support public safety answering points.
- Release the interoperable emergency communication funds in a timelier manner.
- Increase the state income tax credits for volunteer EMS and firefighter personnel.
- Prohibit the use of drones near jails.
- Oppose S.2161/A.833 re: MAT in local jails without state financial resources.
- Allow county jails to have pre-arraignment holding.

Rural Affairs & Agriculture
- Support a statewide dairy supplemental price system, promote consumption of milk in schools, and fund local agricultural assistance.
- Increase state support for Cornell Cooperative Extensions.
- Support agriculture education and teacher training.

Shared Services
- Make it more efficient for local governments to create health insurance consortia under Article 47.
- Continue state matching funds for savings generated through county-wide shared services (CWSSI) panels.
- Allow a portion of the CWSSI matching funds to be used for plan development and implementation costs.
- Adjust property tax cap provisions that work against local shared services and consolidations.

Veteran Services
- Restore support for State Veteran Benefit Advisors.
- Expand Veteran Treatment/Diversion Courts.
- Share the DD-214 form with counties.

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