



KEY COUNTY PRIORITY

PRESERVE COUNTY LOCAL AID

Ensure counties are held harmless from potential reductions in state aid.



Children with Special Needs

- Expand Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) to include children with special needs.
- Require school districts to transport preschool children to programs, and reimburse through an equal cost share between the county, state and school district.



Economic Development

- Prioritize and expand broadband and cellular coverage to unserved and under-served communities through federal advocacy efforts.



Environment

- Enact S.8480 (Kaminsky) / A.10662 (Hunter) to create a more stable and comprehensive e-waste recycling infrastructure that ensures the burden for collection and disposal remains with the manufacturer.
- Enact S.5655 (Metzger) / A.7561-A (Woerner) into law, expanding the ZEV rebate for municipalities.
- Expand the Bottle Bill to include more glass containers, such as liquor, wine and iced tea bottles.
- Enact S.2610 (Metzger) / A.4105 (Englebright), establishing a stewardship program for primary batteries.



Gaming

- Resolve the gaming compact dispute between the State of New York and the Seneca Nation.
- Share sports gaming revenue with all New York counties and include off track betting corporations.



Human Services

- Enact S.7650 (Mayer) / A.10020 (Benedetto) reforming the use of “handicapping conditions with disabilities” to eliminate outdated use of terms for peoples with disabilities.



Judiciary

- Lower court judgement interest rates by passing A.3875 (McDonald).



Local Finance & Tax Relief

- Eliminate the use of “dark store theory” as a way to lower property tax assessments and create a task force to identify solutions.
- Grant counties the authority to be included in the State’s debt set off program for any outstanding debt totaling \$50 or more. In addition, counties recommend the state expand the setoff to include income from sports betting, on-off track betting and casinos, including VLT’s.



Public Employee Relations

- Reform the NYS Scafford Law to include a pure standard of comparative negligence.
- Reform the NYS Wicks Law (GML § 101) to raise current thresholds should be raised significantly—to at least \$10 million for all entities currently subject to limits.
- Amend Public Officers Law § 3 to allow for home rule authority to set employee residency rules.



Public Health & Mental Health

- Expand supportive housing beds, including housing for individuals with developmental disabilities by enacting S.5637 (Carlucci) / A.7489-A (Gunther).
- Enact S.8292-A (Rivera) / A.10466-A (Kim) into law, expanding the definition of eligible individuals for Paid Sick Leave protections.
- Enact S.8126 (Harckham) / A.10204 (Buchwald), eliminating the retiree earnings income cap for public health staff during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

2020 Post COVID-19 Legislative Program

- If adult-use cannabis is legalized, provide counties with resources for public education and technical assistance to manage the societal impacts. Counties should be allowed to apply their local sales tax rate on these transactions. In addition, the cannabis cultivation tax should be shared with the county in which the product is grown.



Public Infrastructure & Transportation

- Reinstate authority to use certain wildlife management techniques at airports.
- Authorize use of design-build contracts for localities.
- Exclude capital costs from property tax cap formula.



Public Safety

- Reform the Raise the Age statute to raise the minimum age a youth can be charged as a JD from seven to twelve years old; grant county probation departments the flexibility to quickly make an application for a temporary order of protection as a part of the adjustment process; authorize law enforcement agencies to issue appearance tickets, instead of a physical arrest when AO's and JO's are charged with Class D felonies; eliminate the mandate that pre-sentence investigations must be conducted when a sentence of up to 364 days in jail has been negotiated.
- Oppose S.1623 (Sepulveda) / A.2500 (Aubry), the HALT Act, without state funding to expand rehabilitative units and fund treatment costs.
- Authorize court consolidation.
- Enact S.6802-A (Felder) / A.8817 (Gunther), raising the volunteer firefighters and EMS workers income tax credit.
- Enact S.1913 (Gaughran) / A.6712 (Stern), authorizing local governments the flexibility to grant property tax credits for volunteer firefighters and EMS workers.

- Enact S.7810 (Kennedy) / A.8251 (Lupardo), reforming STOP DWI fee collection processes.
- Oppose S.2161-B (Bailey) / A.833-B (Rosenthal), MAT expansion legislation due to the undo fiscal burden the legislation places upon county government.
- Grant counties the flexibility to create and authorize county-wide EMS taxing districts to create EMS districts to address underserved or unmet community need.
- Enact S.1368 (Ritchie) / A.3661 (Gunther), reimbursing counties for detaining parole violators.



Shared Services

- Make it more efficient for local governments to create health insurance consortia under Article 47 of the Insurance Law.
- 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.



Veterans

- Enact S.7051-A (Brooks) / A.8002-A (Jean-Pierre) to ensure county veteran affairs departments receive the veterans DD-214 form upon discharge from service.



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