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Budget/Session At A Glance



2026-2027 NYS BUDGET


Overview

- Budget nearly two months past April 1st deadline.
 - Lawmakers cast final vote Wednesday, May 27th.
 - This would be the latest approval of the budget in nearly two decades.
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2026-2027 NYS BUDGET


Highlights

- Staff will provide more detail, but highlights include:
 - Amendments to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).
 - Tier 6 pension sweetener.
 - No increase in corporate or personal income taxes.
 - Pied-a-Terre Tax (Tax on high-end 2nd homes in NYC).
 - New restrictions on ICE.
 - Bar agents from wearing masks;
 - Require judicial warrants to search schools, hospitals and churches;
 - End agreements that allowed for resource sharing between local law enforcement and ICE.
 - Auto insurance reform.
 - SEQR reform.



**2026 STATE
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Changes Created By BCNYS Members

- Blueprint for New York study.
 - Identified overregulation as a key driver in thwarting economic development in New York State.
 - Governor creates Express NY Initiative designed to modify or eliminate onerous regulations.
 - On June 15th Governor Hochul announces 50 actions across 22 state agencies to modify or eliminate regulations.
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END OF SESSION DYNAMICS

Session Ends with Little Time Left on the Clock

- Budget ended on May 27th leaving little more than two weeks left until the end of the legislative session.
- Since an election year, with a number of incumbents being primaried, session was not extended.
- Created a fast-paced end of session in which a number of issues would not be taken up by the legislature.

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GAC PRESENTATIONS



LABOR/WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Frank Kerbein – Director, Center for Human Resources

BUDGET

Workers' Compensation Fraud

- PPGG, Part W
- S.9005/A.10005

Workers' Compensation - Access to Healthcare Providers for Injured Workers

- PPGG Part X
- S.9005/A10005



END OF SESSION LEGISLATION

- S10057 (Ramos)/A368 (Rozic) - Requiring employers to obtain an acknowledgement of receipt from employees of their sexual harassment prevention policy and sexual harassment prevention training program
- S10643 (Ramos)/A11562 (Bronson) - Relates to labor peace agreements and the cannabis industry wage board
- S2236 (Gounardes)/A2222 (Simon) - Enacts the wage payment integrity act
- S3460 (Gounardes)/A2107 (Gonzalez-Rojas) - Relates to granting employees access to personnel records

END OF SESSION LEGISLATION

- S372 (Gianaris)/A6480 (Bronson) - Establishes the "no severance ultimatums act"
- S4424 (Ramos)/A5411 (Bronson) - Enacts the anti-waiver of employment rights act
- S8131 (Ramos)/A8480 (Bronson) – Relates to payment of certain awards for disability-after death of claimant
- S6376 (Scarcella-Spanton)/A8482 (Cruz) - Prohibits insurance carriers and employers from withholding certain benefits from injured workers based on attachment to the labor market

END OF SESSION LEGISLATION

- S8706 (Hinchey)/A9581 (Bronson) - Requires covered businesses to annually report to the department of labor regarding the impact of artificial intelligence on hiring and the nature of artificial intelligence use
- S8877 (Gianaris)/A6292 (Jacobson) - Relates to certain mandatory disclosures for job advertisements
- S9330 (Ramos)/A10365 (Bronson) - Enacts the remedial construction of New York labor law act
- S9843 (Ramos)/A6950 (Cruz) - Enacts "the construction reporting pay act"



ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT/TAXES

Ken Pokalsky – Vice President

FY 2027 Final State Budget

- State Operating Funds = \$161.1 billion
 - Up \$12.3 billion, 8.3%
 - Executive Budget proposed spending = \$157.4 billion
- All Funds = \$277.0 billion
 - Up \$18.1 billion, 7.2% from FY2026
 - Executive Budget proposed spending = \$260.0 billion
- State Agency workforce = 125,000
 - Up 9,500, 8.6%
- State Debt = \$ 69.3 billion
 - Up \$9.0 billion, 14.9%
- Next 3 SFY gap = \$17.8 billion
 - Increased \$3.7 billion over Executive Budget projection

FY 2027 Final State Budget

Spending and spending growth by purpose

- Medicaid = \$39.4 billion, up \$5.5 billion or 16.1%
- School aid = \$39.6 billion, up \$1.9 billion or 4.9%
- Agency operations = \$41.3 billion, up \$3.4 billion or 9.1%
- Capital projects = \$21.4 billion, up \$3.6 billion or 19.9%
- “Other” aid programs = \$37.5 billion, up \$4.1 billion or 12.3%
 - Includes additional \$1.7 billion for childcare, \$1.2 billion for NYC

Budget Recap - Taxation

- Corporate franchise tax rate extension
- NYC Pied a terre tax
- NYS and NYC decoupling from Federal changes
- Tax on Alternative Nicotine Products
- Sales tax vendor re-registration program
- PIT exemption for up to \$25,000 in tip income
- “Protecting our wallets energy rebate” (POWER) PIT credit
- Our [Final Tax summary chart is available here](#)

Budget Recap – Environment and Energy

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Environment

- CLCPA amendments
- State Environmental Quality Review Act Reforms
 - [Summary chart is available here](#)

Energy

- Affordable Utilities Omnibus Legislation
- Modernizing Utility Rate Regulation to Protect Consumers
- Mitigating Energy Cost Burden
- “Accelerate Solar for Affordable Power” (ASAP) act.

End of Session Update

Environment and Energy – Passed Both Houses

- S.10642 (Gonzalez)/A.11560 Rules (Barrett) – “Responsible data center development act”
- S.4574B (May)/A.5832B (Kelles) - "PFAS discharge disclosure act“
- S.8851 (Krueger)/A.9598 (Glick) – Restricts tropical hardwoods for state contracts
- S.3207-B (Kavanagh)/A.8634-B (Lee) – Drinking water MCLs for PFOS and PFOA

End of Session Update

“Responsible data center development act”

- One-year moratorium (data centers with load over 20MW)
- Requires DEC to develop an “environmental impact report”
- Imposes prevailing wage on all new/expanded DCs over 5MW
- NYERDA to establish “reasonable energy consumption efficiency goals” (all data centers over 1MW)
- Renewable energy mandate for DCs over 5MW (90% by 2040)

End of Session Update

Environment and Energy – Bills that did not pass

- S.1464 (Harckham)/A.1749 (Glick) – Packaging EPR
- S.9073 (Harckham)/A.4282 (Glick) - “Climate corporate data accountability act” (Passed Senate)
- S.1180-B (Gianaris)/A.3575-B (Mitaynes) – Warehouse GHG emissions (Passed Senate)
- S.9073 (Harckham)/A.7738 (Glick) – Prohibits PFAS in products (Passed Senate)
- S.2057 (Webb)/A.2054 (Glick) – “Beauty Justice Act” (Passed Senate)
- S.9115-A (Harckham)/A.10138-A (Kelles) – PFAS in biosolids (Passed Senate)

End of Session Update

Energy/Utility Legislation – Passed both houses

- A.10510 (Rozic) – Limits recovery of labor-related expenses
- A.6285 (Otis) – Time-based service restoration plans
- S.120-B (Cleare) - Prohibits service termination during extreme temperatures
- A.2400-A (Eichenstein) – PSC to consider economic impact of utility rate cases
- S.8908 (Comrie) – Civil penalties to be paid as bill credits
- A.11030-A (Levenberg) – Customer notification of non-emergency construction
- A.8151 (Barrett) – More detailed PSC summaries of rate cases
- S.5510 (Parker) -- Requires NYSERDA to study establishment of microgrids



Workforce Development/Education

Elee Wolf – Director of Workforce Development and Education

BUDGET

Education

- Funding for College In HS & P-TECH
 - New Funding for P-TEACH
- Master's in Education Scholarship Extended to Early Childhood Educators
- Opportunity Promise
 - Expanded to all SUNY/CUNY Associates Programs
 - Nursing Exception

Workforce Development

- Teacher Shortage Task Force

BUDGET

Economic Development

- Manufacturing Modernization Program Launch
- \$60M allocated to develop up to four Quantum Hubs
- \$25M allocated to the Downstate Semiconductor Manufacturing and Chip Design Center

Childcare

- UPK increasing allocation & expanding outside NYC
- 2-K pilot program launching in NYC



MWBE/SMALL BUSINESS/CIVIC & COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

Mario Vazquez– Director of Government Affairs

BUDGET

Revenue S9009C/A10009C

- Chef to Community Tax Credit – Omitted from Final Budget
- Capital Loans to Small & Minority Owned Businesses Engaged in Transportation Construction and Reconstruction Projects – Allocation of \$1.5 million

END OF SESSION LEGISLATION

Legislation

- S.8291 (Sanders)/A.7125 (Bichotte Hermelyn) – Divides state contracts by size – Passed Both Houses
- S.267 (Sanders)/A.8294 (Septimo) – MWBE Certification Reciprocity – Passed Both Houses
- S.6374(Cooney)/A.5687 (Worner) – Increases the number of employees for the purpose of MWBE Certification – In Procurement & Contracts in Senate and Government Operations in Assembly



FINANCIAL SERVICES/TECHNOLOGY

Chelsea Lemon– Senior Director of Government Affairs



BUDGET

TEDE

Safe by Design (Part Y - Enacted)

AI Content Provenance (Part X- Not Included)

Data Broker Registration & Deletion (Part AA - Not Included)



Passed Both Houses

- One Fair Price Act (S8623B May / A9349B Torres)
- New York Health Information Privacy Act (S9269 Krueger / A10357 Rosenthal)
- Unsafe for Minors AI Chatbot Features (S9051B Gonzalez / A10379C Bores)
- FAIR News Act (S8451B Fahy / A8962B Rozic)
- Biometric Warning Signs (S2539 Myrie / A1558 Rosenthal)
- AI Training Data Transparency Act (S6955A Gounardes / A6578B Bores)
- GenAI notice label (S.934-A Gonzalez / A.3411-B Vanel)

Passed Senate Only

- Twenty First Century Antitrust Act (S335 Gianaris / A2015 Peoples-Stokes)
- Consumer Grocery Pricing Fairness Act (S8563 Cleare / A9212 Lasher)
- Protecting Consumers and Jobs from Discriminatory Pricing Act (S8616B Gianaris / A9396B Solages)
- New York Junk Fee Prevention Act (S363B Gianaris / A9604A Torres)
- Deletion of Financial Data for Automatic Renewal/Subscriptions (S4413 May / A10770 Rozic)
- NY Digital Choice Act (S8850 Gounardes / A8962 Bores)
- New York AI Act (S1169A Gonzalez / A8884 Solages)
- Champerty Defense Restoration (S1477 Krueger / A 643A Gonzalez-Rojas)

Didn't Pass
Either
House

- Online Grocery Delivery Pricing Notification (S10348A Skoufis / A10188A Magnarelli)
- Liability for Chatbot Impersonating Licensed Professional (S7263A Gonzalez / A6545 C Zaccaro)






HEALTHCARE/INSURANCE

Kyle Wallach– Director of Government Affairs



BUDGET

Insurance – Budget Update

- ✓ Fraud
 - Governor’s Deal Announcement – Press Release
 - Assembly/Senate – No Deal
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End of Session Legislation

End of Session Bills to Note

- Travel Insurance Act S10344 (Bailey) / A11411 (Hunter)
- Substitution of Brand Name Prescription Drug when FDA supply Issue with Generic S9497 (Fernandez)/ A1428 (Forrest)
- Many Insurance Coverage Mandates : Stuttering, Acupuncture, Prediabetes/Diabetes Screening

Did Not Pass

- Tax on out of State Transfers and Dividends S3814A (Rivera) / A5743A (Dilan)
- Human Relevant Research Funding for Scientific Research on Animals S3457(Gianaris)/ A6871 (Bores)



HOUSING/TRANSPORTATION

Joseph Alston – Senior Director of Government Affairs

BUDGET

Revenue S9009C/A10009C

- **\$250 Million for Housing**
- **Increasing Land Banks**
- **Drone usage in New York**

END OF SESSION LEGISLATION

Legislation

- **Rent Stabilization-(Rent Guidelines Board Vote- June 25, 2026)**
- **NY Transparent Real Estate Listings Act (A10679/S10274)**
- **Rent Emergency Stabilization and Tenancy Act (Rest Act) S.4659 Kavanagh/A.4877 (Shrestha)**
- **The “White Elephant Historic Tax Credit Enhancement Act (S.6021A Baskin/A10366 Hunter)**
- **Prevailing Wage on Custom Fabrication -A.2747-A (Bronson)/S.2536-A (Jackson)**
- **Idling in NYC**




ABC Law/Gaming/Budget

Paul Zuber – Executive Vice President



BUDGET

ABC Law: Wholesaler Fees

- Bans some fees charged by wholesalers and requires SLA approval for other fees that previously were unregulated.
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Session Update

ABC Law

- No major changes

Casino Gaming

- Horseman payments – suspends for one-year a decision on required horsemen payments by downstate casinos.



BCNYS
AFFORDABILITY
CAMPAIGN

Think your bills
are too high now?

New York's climate
law will push energy
costs even higher

THE PUBLIC DESERVES TO KNOW

AFFORDABILITY CAMPAIGN

- Highlights
 - Earned media
 - NY Post/Politico
 - Poll release
 - CLCPA
 - Targeted geofencing (Capitol and Senate Districts)
 - Taxes
 - Pricing Legislation

High and future energy mandates will make them higher.

NEW YORK POST

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UPCOMING EVENTS





National Civics Bee – New York State Finals

- Thursday, July 1
- Albany Capital Center

18th Annual Golf Classic

- Tuesday, July 21
- The Otesaga Resort - Cooperstown

2026 Annual Meeting

- Wednesday, September 23 – Friday, September 25
- The Sagamore Resort – Bolton Landing

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