

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION in response to the 2015-2016 Executive Budget submission (Bill Nos. A. 3000, A. 3001, A. 3002, A. 3003, A. 3004, A. 3005, A. 3006, A. 3007, A. 3008, A. 3009, A. 3010, A. 3011 and A. 3012) to be adopted as legislation expressing the position of the New York State Assembly relating to the 2015-2016 New York State Budget

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the constitution requires the Governor to submit an executive budget containing a plan of expenditures to be made before the close of the ensuing fiscal year and recommendations as to proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, At the time of submitting the budget to the legislature the Governor is required to submit a bill or bills containing all the proposed appropriations and reappropriations included in the budget and the proposed legislation, if any, recommended therein; and

WHEREAS, No provision may be embraced in any appropriation bill submitted by the Governor unless it relates specifically to some particular appropriation in the bill, and any such provision shall be limited in its operation to such appropriation; and

WHEREAS, Upon submission, pursuant to Joint Rule III, the Senate finance committee and the Assembly ways and means committee undertake an analysis and public review of all the provisions of such budget; and

WHEREAS, After study and deliberation, each committee makes recommendations in the form of bills and resolutions as to the contents thereof and such other items of appropriation deemed necessary and desirable for the operation of the government in the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, All such fiscal committees' recommendations, when arrived at, are then to be placed before the members of the Legislature, individually and collectively, in their respective houses for their consideration and approval; and

WHEREAS, Upon adoption thereof, a Conference Committee on the Budget, authorized by concurrent resolution of the Senate and Assembly pursuant to Joint Rule III, and such subcommittees thereof as may be deemed necessary are appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the Temporary President of the Senate, respectively, will engage in negotiations designed to reach an accord on the contents of the budget for the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, In order to commence a Legislative process of budget negotiations designed to reach a timely accord on the contents of the budget for the ensuing fiscal year, it is necessary that budget proposals be adopted by each house of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The Assembly supports the goal of addressing the problem of persistently underperforming schools and concludes that persistently underperforming schools need flexibility in setting curriculums and schedules in order to develop an appropriate community-based approach to improvement, the Assembly resolves that adequate supplemental aid is integral to improving underperforming schools and an amount greater than \$8 million is needed; and

WHEREAS, Rape, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on college campuses are significant concerns in New York State, as is the need to protect students, like all New Yorkers, from sexual harassment and whereas these behaviors may cause grave trauma to the victims and survivors, including those who are students at New York's colleges and universities, who as a result may withdraw from school, experience difficulty working, and see promising opportunities cut short and whereas colleges and universities have a unique opportunity to educate members of the college community about this reprehensible conduct to better safeguard students and ensure a safe and hostility-free learning environment, the Assembly is committed to assisting colleges in address-

ing these issues in a manner that complies with important federal requirements and recognizes that stakeholders have significant concerns that warrant further consideration, so that meaningful legislation may be crafted that establishes clear and appropriate procedures, while at the same time assuring that the critical needs of victims and survivors are met; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the public has faith and confidence that the criminal justice system is administered fairly and without bias and that police officers are safe and respected by the communities they serve and whereas recent events have shaken the confidence of both the public and law enforcement, the Assembly resolves to hold hearings to consider reforms that would address these needs and to provide legislators with the opportunity to hear from community leaders, law enforcement officials, legal experts, and other stakeholders to ensure that these important issues are considered in an open forum and to facilitate the enactment of meaningful reforms; and

WHEREAS, Transparency and sunlight are important to public confidence in the integrity of government, the New York State Assembly supports greater disclosure of the sources and amounts of income of members of the Legislature and public officials in the executive branches of state and local government and the enactment of measures to administer and enforce laws governing unethical or unlawful conduct by public officials; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That, this resolution, together with the New York State Assembly proposals for Executive budget resubmission contained in Assembly Bill Nos. A. 6000, A. 3001, A. 3002, A. 6003, A. 6004, A. 6005, A. 6006, A. 6007, A. 6008, and A. 6009 which are incorporated as if fully set forth in this resolution, herein constitute the legislation which expresses the budget proposals of the Assembly for the 2015-2016 New York State Budget.