

From: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:03 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
Subject: RE: Governor Hochul's "recommendations" pertaining to the Legislative & Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025
Attachments: [rules and regulations relating to public inspection and copying of legislative records - january-2019 blue.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sassower,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated January 17, 2024 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law.

Please be advised your request is overly broad and vague in nature. However, if you provide additional clarification and specificity in relation to the information you are seeking, it would be helpful to our office in attempting to fulfill your request.

I have attached a copy of the Senate's Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information.

Sincerely,

Alejandra N. Paulino, Esq.
Secretary of the Senate

Senate FOIL-AR

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TO: Governor Hochul's FOIL Counsel/Records Access Officer Christopher Ritchey
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Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution empowers the Governor to make "recommendations" to the Legislature pertaining to the Legislative and Judiciary budgets.

The website of the Governor's Division of the Budget, <https://www.budget.ny.gov/>, posts the Governor's combined [Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.8301/A.8801](#), dated January 16, 2024, that she submitted to the Legislature, but seemingly no "recommendations" by her pertaining thereto.

Consequently, pursuant to FOIL [Public Officers Law Article VI, Senate Rule XIV, Assembly Rule VIII, and Chief Administrator's Rules Part 124], this is to request a copy of Governor Hochul's "recommendations", if any, pertaining to the Legislative and Judiciary budgets for fiscal year 2024-2025 and, presumably, furnished to them.

Pursuant to FOIL [Public Officers Law §89.3], your response is required within five business days of receipt of this written request.

Thank you.

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