

From: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
Subject: **Re: FOIL/Records Request: The Legislature's Certified Itemized Estimates of its Financial Need for FY2025-26, as Required by Article VII, §1 of the NYS Constitution**

Attachments:

[rules and regulations relating to public inspection and copying of legislative records - january-2019 blue.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sassower,

This is to acknowledge your request dated December 9, 2024, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law. You are requesting “Itemized estimates of the financial needs of the legislature, certified by the presiding officer of each house” for fiscal year 2025-2026, which [Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution](#) required the Senate and Assembly to transmit to the Governor by December 1st".....

Please be advised that there is a fee of \$4.25 (17 pages @ \$.25 per page). The requested material will be forwarded upon receipt of a check made payable to: New York State Senate, Room 321, Capitol Building, Albany, NY.

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
Secretary of the Senate

Senate Foil – **YM**

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 9:16 AM
To: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>; 'Fern Whyland' <whylandfm@nyassembly.gov>
Subject: FOIL/Records Request: The Legislature's Certified Itemized Estimates of its Financial Need for FY2025-26, as Required by Article VII, §1 of the NYS Constitution

TO: **Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, Esq.**
Assembly Records Access Officer Fern Whyland

Please advise where on the Senate and Assembly websites are – or will be – posted the “Itemized estimates of the financial needs of the legislature, certified by the presiding officer of each house” for fiscal year 2025-2026, which [Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution](#) required the Senate and Assembly to transmit to the Governor by December 1st.

Please note I am looking to examine a copy of the actual documents, with their certifications – comparable to what the Judiciary has already posted on its website for the “itemized estimates” it transmitted to the Governor pursuant to Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution. For your convenience, here’s the [Judiciary’s 2025-2026 budget](#) from the Unified Court System’s website, whose transmitting memo is dated November 27, 2024.

In the event the Legislature is not intending to post its certified itemized estimates of its financial needs for fiscal year 2025-2026 on its Senate and Assembly websites, please advise why – and furnish a copy to me pursuant to [Senate Rule XIV](#) (“Freedom of Information”) and [Assembly VIII](#) (“Public Access to Information”).

Thank you.

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