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Subject: FOIL/records request: Reports on the FY2020-21 budget bills, required by Legislative Law, §§54.2(b) & (c)

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Legislative Law §54, entitled "Report on the budget", states:

2. (b) Before voting upon an appropriation bill submitted by the governor and related legislation, as amended, in accordance with article seven of the constitution, each house shall place on the desks of its members a report relating to each such bill and, preceding final action on all such appropriation bills and legislation, members shall be so provided with a comprehensive, cumulative report relating to all such bills and legislation.

(c) The reports prepared by each house shall include for the general fund a summary of proposed legislative revisions to the executive budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall separately identify and present all legislative additions, reestimates and other revisions that increase or decrease disbursements, and separately identify and present all legislative reestimates and other revisions that increase or decrease available resources. Such report shall, where practicable, display and separately identify and present all legislative additions, reestimates, and other revisions that increase or decrease state funds and all funds spending, including an estimate of the impact of the proposed revisions on local governments and the state workforce."

Pursuant to Senate Rule XIV ("Freedom of Information") and Assembly Rule VIII ("Public Access to Records"), this is to request such "report" for each bill and "cumulative report relating to all such bills and legislation" – and, additionally, records reflecting the evaporation/elimination of the Health and Mental Hygiene "Article VII Bill" #S.7507/A.9507, apparent from the Division of the Budget's website: <https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy21/enac/fy2021-enacted-budget.html#enactedBills>; the Senate's website: <https://www.nysenate.gov/2020-new-york-state-budget>; and the Assembly's website: <https://nyassembly.gov/2020budget/?sec=budget>.

[By the way, the Senate's website also omits the Debt Service "Appropriations Bill" #S.7502/A.9502, passed by the Senate on March 18, 2020: <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s7502>.

Thank you.

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