

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.(CJA)
Subject: Re: FOIL/records request: The Legislature's "schedule for the specific budget-related actions of each house", required by Legislative Law §53, §54a, and §1 of Joint Rule III of the Permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Sassower,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated February 26, 2020 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law.

We are currently working on this request and expect to be able to respond within ten (10) business days. If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach to this email address.

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Subject: FOIL/records request: The Legislature's "schedule for the specific budget-related actions of each house", required by Legislative Law §53, §54a, and §1 of Joint Rule III of the Permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly

TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, Esq.

Assembly Records Access Officer Robin Marilla

Legislative Law §53, entitled "Budget review process", and Legislative Law §54-a, entitled "Scheduling of legislative consideration of budget bills", require that within 10 days after the Governor has submitted his budget pursuant to Article VII of the New York State Constitution, the Temporary Senate President and Assembly Speaker promulgate, either jointly or separately, "a schedule for the specific budget-related actions of each house". So too §1 of Joint Rule III of the Permanent Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly based thereon. For your convenience, these three interrelated and reinforcing provisions are below

The Governor's budget was submitted on January 19, 2021 – making the Legislature's "schedule for the specific budget-related actions of each house" due by January 29, 2021. However, the only schedule Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie appear to have promulgated was on January 20, 2021, jointly, for hearings on the budget, as to which they improperly combined the hearings