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TO: Senate Finance Committee  
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Assembly Ways & Means Committee  
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New York State Senate  
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New York State Assembly  
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: Where are the Legislature's Reports on the Enacted Budgets, Required by State Finance Law §22-b?  
Request for the Legislature's reports on the enacted Legislative/Judiciary budget bills from fiscal year 2009-2010 through fiscal year 2015-2016

State Finance Law §22-b, entitled "Report of the legislature on the enacted budget", states:

"Within thirty days of passage of the budget the senate and the assembly shall issue, either jointly or separately, a legislative report on the budget. Such report shall contain a description of appropriation changes between the budget submitted by the governor and the enacted budget and the effect of such changes on employment levels. Commencing with fiscal year nineteen hundred ninety-four--nineteen hundred ninety-five, such report shall also summarize changes in appropriations by function in a form suitable for comparison with the schedule required to be submitted with the governor's proposed budget. Commencing with fiscal year two thousand seven--two thousand eight, such report shall also include an estimate of the impact of the enacted budget on local governments, the state workforce, and general fund projections for

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the ensuing fiscal year, consistent with the requirements of subdivision one-c of section twenty-two of this article. The findings and descriptions contained in the report required by this section shall constitute the expression of legislative intent with respect to the budget to which such report relates.”

Pursuant to Senate Rule XV, “Freedom of Information”, and Assembly Rule VIII, “Public Access to Records, please furnish the links for such reports as have been posted on the Senate and Assembly websites, as I am unable to find them.

Additionally, for those reports that have not been posted, please furnish the reports for the enacted Legislative/Judiciary budget bills from fiscal year 2009-2010 to fiscal year 2015-2016, setting forth “a description of appropriation changes..and the effect of such changes on employment”, etc.

As this year’s “public protection” hearing on the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 is this Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – and encompasses BOTH the Judiciary and Legislative budgets – your prompt response would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

