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TO: Senate Records Access Officer Secretary of the Senate Francis Patience  
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director  
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RE: FOIL/Records Request: Senate and Assembly reports on the budget  
for fiscal year 2017-2018, required by Legislative Law §54

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

“1. Upon passage of appropriation bills by both the senate and the assembly, the senate and the assembly shall issue either jointly or separately a summary of changes to the budget submitted by the governor in accordance with article seven of the constitution. The summary shall be in such a form as to indicate whether the budget as amended provides that, for the general fund, any changes in anticipated disbursements are balanced by changes in anticipated receipts. The summary shall be accompanied by descriptions of changes to both receipts and disbursements in sufficient detail as is necessary to describe legislative action on the governor’s budget submission. The summary shall be in such format as determined by the senate and the assembly, either jointly or separately, and may be issued separately, as part of the report required by section twenty-two-b of the state finance law or may be included within the introductory memoranda or fiscal committee memoranda relating to such legislation or in such other manner as may be determined by the senate and the assembly, either separately or jointly.

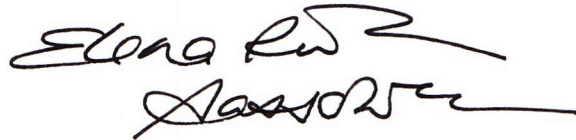
2. (a) The legislature shall enact a budget for the upcoming fiscal year that it determines is balanced in the general fund.

(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 XV (“Freedom of Information”) and Assembly Rule VIII (“Public Access to Records”), please furnish all reports on the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 that the Senate and Assembly issued, “either jointly or separately”, pursuant to Legislative Law §54.

Thank you.



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