

2025-26 Executive, One-House & Enacted Budget Comparison

STATE OPERATING AID				
Budget Item	Executive	Senate	Assembly	Enacted
Additional operating aid	\$114M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
Full-time faculty	\$53M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
Downstate operating aid	\$100M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
Hospitals debt service	Not included	\$55.7M	\$70M	\$55.7 M
Hospitals fringe benefits	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not Included
OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS & UNIVERSITY-WIDE PROGRAMS				
Budget Item	Executive	Senate	Assembly	Enacted
EOP	-\$1.9M	Adds \$6.4M	Adds \$3.3M	Restores \$1.9M, adds additional \$647K
Medical EOP	\$1M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
EOCs/ATTAIN labs	Flat at \$72.6M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
ASAP/ACE	\$12M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
Gun violence research	\$1M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
AI expenses	\$10M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
TAP increase	\$6.9M	Accepts Executive	Adds \$34.7M	Accepts Executive
Mental health services	-\$1M	Restores \$1M	Restores \$1M	Restores \$1M
High-Needs Nursing Program	-\$1M	Restores \$1M	Restores \$1M	Restores \$1M
Science of Reading Microcredential at New Paltz	-\$1M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
Black Leadership Institute	-\$350K	Restores \$350K	Restores \$350K	Restores \$350K
Asian Leadership Institute	-\$350K	Restores \$350K	Restores \$350K	Restores \$350K
Buffalo Public Interest Law Program	-\$500K	Restores \$500K	Accepts Executive	Restores \$500K
UB Regional Institute	-\$200K	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Restores \$200K
SUNY Farmingdale additional expenses	-\$250K	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
ESF Timbuctoo Summer Program	Not included	\$2.1M	\$850K	Adds \$425K
Food pantries	Not included	\$500K	Not included	Not included
SED PROGRAMS				
Budget Item	Executive	Senate	Assembly	Enacted
Foster Youth Initiative	-\$362K	Adds \$2.1M	Adds \$610K	Adds \$483K
Liberty Partnerships Program	-\$1.1M	Restores \$1.1M	Adds \$1.9M	Adds \$1.5M
Supports for students with disabilities	-\$2M	Adds \$2.5M	Restores \$2M	Restores \$2M

SED PROGRAMS CONTINUED				
Budget Item	Executive	Senate	Assembly	Enacted
STEP	-\$954K	Adds \$5.3M	Adds \$1.6M	Adds \$1.3M
CSTEP	-\$723K	Adds \$4M	Adds \$1.2M	Adds \$964K
MHEOP	Not included	\$2M	Not included	Not included
CAPITAL FUNDING				
Budget Item	Executive	Senate	Assembly	Enacted
Critical maintenance	\$550M	Accepts Executive	Adds \$300M	Accepts Executive
SUNY Hospitals	\$150M (\$50M each)	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
SUNY Downstate modernization	Up to \$450M	Adds \$250M	Adds \$250M*	Accepts Executive*
SUNY Upstate modernization	\$200M	Adds \$250M	Adds \$250M**	Adds \$250M**
Research facilities	\$200M	Accepts Executive	Adds \$600M	Adds \$100M**
Green Energy Loan	\$25M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
Federally directed projects	\$5M	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive	Accepts Executive
SUNY Purchase underground thermal energy network	Not included	\$50M	Not included	Not included
5-year capital plan	Not included	\$6B (\$1.5B annually, 2025-2029)	Not included	Not included
Improvements and alterations to various facilities	Not included	Not included	Not included	\$60M

*Pursuant to a plan developed by the SUNY Chancellor and approved by the Director of the Budget, provided it shall not increase the maximum cost of the recommendations of the community advisory board

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Division of Budget Emergency Powers

In anticipation of federal budget cuts, the enacted state budget includes language to authorize the Director of Budget to adjust or reduce any general and/or state special revenue fund or withhold any payments as necessary to ensure that the General Fund is balanced on a cash accounting basis. Adjustments or reductions are to be made uniformly, across the board, or by specific appropriations, as needed.

The Director must notify the Legislature 10 business days prior to any reduction or adjustment. The Legislature may, by concurrent resolution, reject the proposed reduction or adjustment and present its own plan. If the Legislature does not act within the 10-day period, the Director's plan shall be automatically implemented.

Specific payments are exempt from adjustments, reductions or withholding. These exempted payments include:

- public assistance payments for families and individuals, and payments for people eligible for supplemental social security;
- reductions that would violate federal law;
- payments for debt service and related expenses for which the state is constitutionally or contractually obligated to pay debt service; and
- payments the state is obligated to pay by court order or judgment.

ARTICLE VII LEGISLATION – AREAS OF INTEREST

EDUCATION, LABOR AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE (ELFA)

Executive Part D – Streamline Part Time Financial Aid Programs

This legislation would consolidate the state’s three existing financial aid programs for part-time students (Aid for Part Time Study, the Part-Time Scholarship Program and PT-TAP) into one universal program. \$1.2 million in increased funding is provided to consolidate these programs.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly.

Executive Part E – Streamline Excelsior Scholarship Payments

This legislation would increase the maximum award amount of the Excelsior Scholarship to be equal to the resident undergraduate tuition at a state-operated SUNY campus. It would eliminate the provision that SUNY and CUNY provide tuition credits to students to cover excess tuition liability.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly.

Executive Part F – New York Opportunity Promise Scholarship for Community Colleges

This new scholarship program would provide grants for tuition, fees, books, and supplies for matriculated students between the ages of 25 and 55, pursuing an associate’s degree at a SUNY or CUNY community college in certain high-demand fields. \$21.2 million is provided for this program. A Senate modification to include SUNY state-operated campuses offering associate degrees in its one-house budget resolution was not included in the final adopted program.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly.

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT (PPGG)

Executive Part J – Create Safer Workspaces for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence

This legislation requires state agencies, vendors, and contractors to issue policies addressing gender-based violence in the workplace. This legislation also requires each state agency to designate at least one domestic violence agency liaison.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly.

Executive Part U – Cease reimbursement of the Medicare Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAA) to high-income retirees and their dependents and provide a premium refund to certain enrollees in the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP)

This bill would eliminate the State’s reimbursement of the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAA) to high-income State retirees and their dependents enrolled in NYSHIP. This legislation also grants health insurance premium refunds for retirees who retired on or after January 1, 1983, but before January 1, 2012, and state retirees who retired on or after January 1, 2012, from a title allocated or equated to a salary grade nine or below, beginning December 1, 2026.

- Omitted in enacted budget.

Executive Part Y – Infrastructure Investment Act Expansion

This bill would add SUNY to the list of authorized state entities that can utilize alternative project delivery methods. It would also allow such authorized state entities to utilize Construction Manager as Constructor (CMAC) as an alternative project delivery method.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly with modifications. Adding SUNY to the list of authorized state entities that can utilize alternative project delivery methods was not included.

Executive Part AA – Allow medical and surgical residents and fellows in academic training programs to treat workers' compensation patients

This legislation allows medical and surgical residents and fellows in academic training programs to treat workers' compensation patients if they meet supervisory requirements and have not been prohibited from treating workers' compensation patients.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly.

Executive Part BB – Workers' Compensation – Universal Authorization

This legislation allows any licensed medical provider who is in good standing to treat workers' compensation patients if they are not on the exclusion list.

- Omitted in enacted budget.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE (HMH)

Executive Part A – Medicaid Global Cap Extension

Makes statutory changes necessary to extend the Medicaid Global Cap.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly.

Executive Part D – Hospital Reforms

This bill would eliminate additional inpatient hospital payments up to the aggregate voluntary UPL after 2025 and incur savings to the Medicaid program by discontinuing the State's ICP payments for public hospitals operating in New York City.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly.

Executive Part L – Update Medical Debt Consent Law

This legislation amends the current medical debt consent law by separating patient consent for treatment and payment for health care services. Consent to pay for any non-emergency health care services by a patient shall not be given prior to discussing treatment costs.

- Omitted in enacted budget.

Executive Part M – Community Benefit Spending

This legislation would require general hospitals to annually report how their community benefit expenses are spent. Hospitals will be required to file with DOH by July 1 of each calendar year and must include information to identify the specific community benefit expenses supporting the hospital's local community. These reports will be compiled by DOH and available on the department's website by October 1 annually.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly.

Executive Part T – Require Hospitals to Have Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Available

This legislation would require hospitals to maintain full-time, part-time, contracted or on-call staff 24 hours a day, every day of the year. This will ensure that the hospital's sexual violence response is integrated within the hospital's clinical oversight and quality improvement structure, to ensure chain of custody is maintained, and to ensure availability and coordination of certified sexual assault forensic examiners.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly.

Executive Part V – Remove Unnecessary Restrictions on Workers

This legislation would allow:

- certified medication aides in residential health care facilities to administer routine medications to residents under the supervision of a registered nurse;
- physicians and Physician Assistants to delegate administering immunizations for medical assistants in outpatient office settings;
- permit pharmacists to administer COVID-19 vaccines to patients two years of age and older and to supervise register pharmacy technicians in vaccine administration; and
- allow licensed pharmacists to prescribe and order medications to treat nicotine dependence.

The bill will also transfer the authority to define, license and oversee these professions from SED to DOH.

- Omitted in enacted budget.

Executive Part W – Nurse Licensure Compacts

This legislation creates a multistate license for registered or licensed practical/vocational nursing (RN, LPN/VN).

- Omitted from enacted budget.

REVENUE

Executive Part A – Enact a One-Time Inflation Refund

This bill would create an inflation refund tax credit to taxpayers who were full-year New York residents in 2023. Married taxpayers filing jointly whose adjusted gross income was \$300,000 or less will receive a \$500 credit in 2025. Taxpayers who filed as single, married filing separately, or head of household, and whose 2023 adjusted gross income was \$150,000 or less, will receive a \$300 credit in 2025. This bill would address affordability concerns for New Yorkers but reduces All Funds revenue by \$3.08 billion, which could otherwise be reinvested into public goods like higher education.

- Included in the enacted budget with modifications. Excludes dependents. Married taxpayers filing jointly with an adjusted gross income (AGI) up to \$150K in 2023 will receive a payment of \$400. Joint filers with an AGI between \$150K-\$300K will receive \$300. Taxpayers filing as single, married filing separate, or head of household with an AGI up to \$75K will receive \$200. These individual filers with an AGI between \$75K-\$150K will receive \$150.

Executive Part B – Provide a Middle-Class Tax Cut and Extend the Temporary Personal Income Tax (PIT) High Income Surcharge for Five Years

This bill would reduce tax rates for married couples filing jointly with a taxable income up to \$323,200, heads of households with incomes up to \$269,300, and single taxpayers/married couples filing separately with incomes up to \$215,400. The cut to the marginal tax rate would occur in two phases: a 0.1% cut in tax year 2025 and another 0.1% reduction in tax year 2026.

Additionally, this legislation would extend the temporary personal income tax surcharge on high-income earners through 2032 (currently set to expire at the end of 2027). The extension of this surcharge on multimillionaires aligns with UUP's goals to raise additional revenue through a more progressive income tax; however, we would like to see this enacted permanently.

- Included in the enacted budget with modifications. The tax cuts will not begin until tax year 2026, which is a year later than the governor proposed.

Executive Part C – Enhance the Empire State Child Credit for Three Years

This bill would allow for a \$1,000 refundable credit for each qualifying child under the age of four in tax years 2025, 2026, and 2027. It also provides for a refundable credit of \$330 for each qualifying child ages four to 16 in 2025, which then increases to \$500 for 2026 and 2027.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly.

Transportation, Economic Development and Environmental Conservation (TED)

Executive Part U – Require additional safety features for AI-companion technology

This bill requires operators of AI companions to refer users to mental health resources as appropriate and remind users they are interacting with a machine.

- Accepted by the Senate and Assembly with modifications, which include more comprehensive definitions of generative artificial intelligence and AI companion; and more stringent prohibitions, requirements and enforcement provisions. The modified legislation also establishes a suicide prevention fund.