



Navigating the Legislative Puzzle

*Knowing the Process Directs
Advocacy*

The Puzzle: Advocacy

The Rules: Budget Process

The Players: Senate, Assembly and Governor

The Objective: Promote Legislative Agenda

NYS Budget Process

1. Governor Develops & Releases the “Executive Budget” in late January.
2. Legislature Analyzes the Executive budget, seeks public comment during February.
3. Senate and Assembly introduce their own “one-house budgets” in mid-March
4. A final negotiated budget must be adopted by April 1st
5. Governor has line-item veto power on any appropriation added to his executive budget
6. Legislators may override vetoes with enough votes (2/3rd majority)

NYS Senate

Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins

63 Total Members

- 42 Democrats
- 21 Republicans

Democrat Majority



New York State Assembly

Speaker Carl Heastie



150 Total Members

- 102 Democrats
- 48 Republicans

Democrat Majority



Governor Kathy Hochul

Registered Democrat
Former Lt. Governor and Congresswoman
and local elected official
Took office in August 2022 after the sitting
Governor resigned
1st Elected Female Governor of NYS

Legislative Veto Override Power:

- Democrat Super-Majority Senate
- Democrat Super-Majority Assembly
 - Neither house has used this override

“Speak Truth to Power”

Why YOUR story matters.

Why did you decide to go to college?

What college are you enrolled in? What Program?

Why did you choose your college & program?

How does TAP/ETA make college accessible to you?

What challenges do you and your family experience at home? How do you manage both home, work and school?

Where do you see yourself after graduation?

How does your college support you in your goals.



QUESTIONS