

The voters across New York State need to see:

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Aug. 24, 2021: Gov. Hochul Was Sworn In As Governor. “At a procedural ceremony at midnight on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, Kathy Hochul was sworn in as the 57th Governor of the State of New York.” [New York State – Press Release, [8/24/21](#)]

Sept. 2, 2021: Gov. Hochul Signed Into Law A Bill Extending The Emergency Eviction Moratorium. “Early this morning, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law a new moratorium on COVID-related residential and commercial evictions for New York State which is in effect until January 15, 2022.” [New York State Senate – Press Release, [9/2/21](#)]

Politico: The Eviction Moratorium Legislation Was The “First Of Hochul’s Tenure.” “Gov. Kathy Hochul’s bill extending New York’s eviction moratorium includes language that suspends New York’s Open Meetings Law. The legislation, the first of Hochul’s tenure, was due to pass on Wednesday night, a week after the governor pledged that “transparency will be the hallmark of [her] administration.” [Politico, [9/1/21](#)]

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Stance	Bill	Status	Summary/Title	Last Action
	S50002	Pass	Makes additional appropriations associated with an emergency rental assistance program. [Detail] [Text] [Discuss]	2021-09-02 SIGNED CHAP.418
	S07182	Pass	Authorizes the county of Suffolk to alienate and discontinue the use of certain parklands. [Detail] [Text] [Discuss]	2021-08-20 SIGNED CHAP.416

[LegiScan, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

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2021-22 SESSION

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[New York State Senate – Advanced Legislation Search, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

NOTE: According to the NYS Senate website, S2057 was the last bill “Signed by Governor” before S50002. The bill was signed on August 20, 2021.

Jan. 5, 2022: Gov. Hochul Stated That She Had Signed More Than 400 Bills Into Law. “I’ve been proud to stand with the members of this legislature, signing more than 400 of your bills into law since September. And we’re just getting started.” [WAMC Northeast Public Radio, [1/5/22](#)]

LegisScan: Gov. Hochul Signed 413 Bills Between September 2, 2021 and January 5, 2022. Each page of results (showing bills signed into law) contains 50 bills. There are 9 pages of results listing bills that have been signed between September 2, 2021 and December 31, 2021. The most recent bill signing before her speech at the State of the State on January 5, 2022. The first page of results contains **23** bills signed by the governor. The last page of results contains **40** bills signed. There are an additional 7 pages of results with **50** bills each. $7 \times 50 = 350$ plus **23** plus **40** = **413**. [LegisScan Advanced Search, accessed [3/10/22](#)]

Hochul learned the value of hard work from her father who worked at a steel plant by day and took classes at night...

2018: Gov. Hochul Said That Her Father Worked At The Steel Plant And Took Classes At Night.

“And they worked hard and raised a large family in a tiny house and my father and mother met in eighth grade, fell in love and ninth grade, and got married as teenagers and lived in a trailer park. And my father had a chance to work at the steel plant and go to school at night.” [Gotham Gazette — Max & Murphy Podcast, [6/15/18](#)]

Gov. Hochul’s Father, Jack Courtney, Worked Full Time At Bethlehem Steel In Buffalo While Attending Canisius College At Night. “Hochul’s parents were eighth-grade sweethearts and married as teenagers. Her father, Jack Courtney, worked full time at Bethlehem Steel in Buffalo while attending Canisius College at night. The young couple lived in a trailer in Lackawanna while they started their family.” [Journal News, [7/19/18](#)]

HEADLINE: New York Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul: Resiliency is in her DNA. [Journal News, [7/19/18](#)]

Gov. Hochul’s Father Went To College At Night. “Hochul was born in the city of Lackawanna in Erie County. Her father worked at a steel plant and went to college at night.” [Times Union, [3/8/21](#)]

...to move his family into the middle class...

Daily News: Jack And Pat Courtney “Made Their Way From Lackawanna To Middle-Class Hamburg.” “Her father, then a college student, worked nights as a clerk at the formidable factory in Lackawanna, an engine of Buffalo’s once-booming industrial economy that ultimately closed in the 1980s. The trailer park, however, withstood the collapse of Buffalo’s manufacturing industry that turned many local plants into ghostly relics. As Jack and Pat’s fortunes improved, they made their way from Lackawanna to middle-class Hamburg.” [Daily News, [8/21/21](#)]

BBC News: Jack Courtney Was Able To Achieve “The American Dream.” “Her father, Jack Courtney, was an impoverished steel plant worker who later became president of a technology company. [...] "Just over 100 years ago, my father's parents fled lives surely destined for poverty in County Kerry," she wrote. "From the migrant farms of South Dakota, to domestic servitude in Chicago and finally to a steel plant in Lackawanna, they suffered hardship like millions of immigrants before and after them, but ultimately lived the American dream.” [BBC News, [8/11/21](#)]

...and her mother who fought for racial and social justice while raising six kids at home.

NYT: Gov. Hochul’s Mother, Pat Courtney, “Stayed Home And Raised Six Children.” “A few months before Kathy Hochul was born, her family was living in a 31-by-8-foot trailer not far from the hulking Bethlehem Steel plant near Buffalo. When things got a little better, they moved to the second-floor flat of a home in working-class Woodlawn. The family was just getting by then: Ms. Hochul’s father, Jack Courtney, did clerical work at the plant at night and attended college during the day; her mother, Pat Courtney, stayed home and raised six children.” [New York Times, [5/29/11](#)]

HEADLINE: Her Inheritance: An Eagerness to Serve. [New York Times, [5/29/11](#)]

Pat Courtney “Stayed Home To Raise Kathy And Her Five Siblings.” “Months before her birth, the family lived in a trailer close to a steel plant near Buffalo. Jack went to college by day and worked nights at the steel plant. Pat stayed home to raise Kathy and her five siblings: Dennis, Michael, David, Paul, and Sheila.” [Netline, [8/11/21](#)]

2018: Gov. Hochul Described Being Taken By Her Parents To Marches in D.C. In The 1960s And Was Raised “With [A] Strong Sense Of Social And Moral Responsibility To Others.” “And despite coming from that real blue collar collar, Irish Catholic background, my parents raised us in a very progressive household. This was the late ‘60s and we were very cognizant of the marches going on in Washington. My parents would take us to those. We went, I wore an armband in grade school to protest the Vietnam War. We were constantly working to integrate our communities. There was a program called Housing Opportunities Made Equal to try and integrate white suburbs and bring African Americans in for the first time. And I remember people sitting on our front porch and people driving by and questioning, you know, what are those crazy Courtneys doing now? My parents also brought children with disabilities into our home, kids who had been institutionalized and wanted to make sure that their six children, even though we had a tiny house and were always piled into rooms together, there's always someone else. So I was really raised with this strong sense of social and moral responsibility to others. I believe that's what pulled me to public service, this seeing that there's people who have less than us, and people who are out there leading the fight, whether it was Martin Luther King or Bobby Kennedy. And I remember vividly the day that both of them were assassinated. I remember Kent State like it was yesterday, we talked about this in my household. So I grew up with this firm belief in what public service can do for people, how important it is.” [Gotham Gazette — Max & Murphy Podcast, [6/14/18](#)]

2021: Gov. Hochul Referred To Her Mother As “A Social Justice Catholic.” “Empathy came from my mother. Risk from my father. My mother’s sign on the refrigerator read ‘Go into the world and do good.’ A social justice Catholic, she opposed the Vietnam War, went to rallies, talked civil rights at the dinner table. At 10 I knew about Martin Luther King. [New York Post, [11/8/21](#)]

Pat Courtney Was Involved With Several Community Service Organizations, Including The Neighborhood Information Center, Haven House, And The Hamburg Counseling Center. “Mrs. Courtney was an active presence in the Hamburg area for decades, serving as a director, staff person or volunteer for countless organizations, including the Neighborhood Information Center, Haven House and the Hamburg Counseling Center. In addition, she ran her own business, Expressions Floral & Gifts, for 15 years. And at age 70, she founded the Kathleen Mary House, a transitional home for victims of domestic violence, with her sister, Sharon Wroblewski.” [Buffalo News, [3/25/14](#)]

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Mar. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Investing \$24.9 Million In Community-Based Gun Violence Initiatives. "Governor Hochul’s FY23 proposed budget triples resources for gun violence, expanding the State’s SNUG network to Utica, Schenectady and Niagara Falls and invests \$24.9 million to sustain and grow community-based gun violence initiatives that reduce shootings and saves lives... [Governor Kathy Hochul — Press Release, [3/9/22](#); New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 135), [1/18/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Establishing An Office Of Gun Violence Prevention. "Promulgate the Office of Gun Violence Prevention. The Executive Budget provides authority or the establishment of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention under the Department of Health. Data collected on gun violence will be used by the Office of Gun Violence Prevention to track emerging gun violence hotspots and deploy resources to those areas that need it most." [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 98), [1/18/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Increased Funding To \$18.2 Million For The Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative. "The Executive Budget increases funding to \$18.2 million for New York’s nationally recognized Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative which supports local law enforcement efforts to stop the gun violence in New York. This investment will enable the launch of several new initiatives which will support law enforcement’s ability clear non-fatal shooting cases, engage in youth-centered community programming, and reduce recidivism for individuals under community supervision." [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 135), [1/18/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Increasing Funding To \$15 Million And Providing A Stable Funding Stream To Enhance Law Enforcement’s Capacity To Solve And Prevent Firearm-Related Crime. "The Executive Budget increases funding to \$15 million and provides a stable funding stream to enhance the State and local law enforcement capacity to solve and prevent firearm-related crime. This includes the establishment of Gun Intelligence Centers across the State to share meaningful crime and gun violence data." [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 135), [1/18/22](#)]

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Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Funding \$20 Million To Support The People And Places That Have Been Most Impacted By Gun Violence. "The Executive Budget includes \$20 million in new funding to support the people and places that have been most impacted by the spike in gun violence. This will allow the deployment of innovative community empowerment and crime-reduction programming in high-need areas that will facilitate the repairing and rebuilding of regions victimized by crime involving guns." [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 135), [1/18/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Funding For A \$50 Million Grant Program To Meet The Needs Of Communities Most Impacted By Gun Violence. "The Executive Budget includes funding for a new \$50 million grant program to meet the needs of communities most impacted by gun violence by supporting capital investments related to innovative crime-reduction strategies." [New York

State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 135), [1/18/22](#)]

Nov. 2021: Gov. Hochul Announced \$6.2 Million In Grants To Expand Gun Violence Intervention Programs. “Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$6.2 million in grants to expand community and hospital-based gun violence intervention programs in communities across the state that have experienced significant increases in shootings and firearm-related murders over the past year. Governor Hochul also announced \$100,000 in new grants to Family Services of Westchester and Peace is a Lifestyle to expand their youth engagement and anti-violence programming in Westchester and the Bronx.” [Governor Kathy Hochul — Press Release, [11/22/21](#)]

Sept. 2021: Gov. Hochul Announced \$2 Million In Grants To Hire Street Outreach Workers And Gun Violence Interrupters. “New York is awarding \$2 million to gun violence intervention programs across the state to hire and train 39 new street outreach workers and violence interrupters. This funding will allow successful community-based gun intervention programs to increase their staff of credible messengers, who engage and mentor at-risk youth, host community events, work to steer young people away from gun violence, and respond to shootings to prevent retaliatory violence. Additional awards to hire new outreach workers and interrupters will be made in the coming weeks.” [Governor Kathy Hochul — Press Release, [9/14/21](#)]

...and cracking down on those who bring illegal guns into our communities...

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul Convened The Interstate Task Force On Illegal Guns — A Joint Effort To Set Up An Information-Sharing Consortium And Crime Analysis Centers To Prevent Gun Trafficking. “Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the first meeting of the new Interstate Task Force on Illegal Guns, including a partnership with Mayor Eric Adams and the NYPD, will take place on Wednesday. The Interstate Task Force on Illegal Guns will bring together law enforcement officials from nine northeastern states to tackle the urgent issue of illegal guns, which are contributing to violence and crime in New York and across the region. Details for media interested in covering the meeting will be forthcoming. [...] The Interstate Task Force on Illegal Guns, first announced during Governor Hochul's 2022 State of the State address, will convene on January 26th at the New York State Intelligence Center (NYSIC) in East Greenbush. It is the latest joint effort to bring a unified approach from State and City leaders, including Governor Hochul, Lieutenant Governor Benjamin and Mayor Adams, to the crucial issue of public safety. The agenda will include setting up the information-sharing consortium and crime analysis centers, as well as ways to share intelligence, tracing tools, strategies and tactics across jurisdictions while partnering with prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in each region.” [New York State – Press Release, [1/23/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul Proposed A Three-Part Gun Violence Prevention Agenda That Included Establishing Crime Gun Intelligence Centers To Help Disrupt Trafficking Of Illegal Firearms. “Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a three-part agenda aimed at preventing and reducing gun violence and violent crime as part of the 2022 State of the State. [...] Finally, New York State will establish Crime Gun Intelligence Centers in every region of New York State, helping State Police effectively solve major crimes and disrupt interstate trafficking of illegal firearms.” [New York State – Press Release, [1/5/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposal Included Establishing Gun Intelligence Centers Across New York To Share Meaningful Crime And Gun Violence Data. “The Executive Budget increases funding to \$15 million and provides a stable funding stream to enhance the State and local law enforcement capacity to solve and prevent firearm-related crime. This includes the establishment of Gun Intelligence Centers across the State to share meaningful crime and gun violence data.” [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 135), [1/18/22](#)]

... investing in education to hire more teachers and get our kids back on track...

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposal Included “Record Levels Of Funding For Education.” Governor Hochul’s FY 2023 budget proposal reflects a remarkable reversal of fortune as tax revenues rebound the budget is balanced for the entirety of the financial plan leading up to FY 2027. The plan leverages the state’s solid financial footing for purposes that are essential to maintaining the State’s recovery and growing beyond, such as [...] record levels of funding for education. [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 7), [1/18/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed \$31.2 Billion In School Aid For The 2023 School Year, An Increase Of \$2.1 Billion. “The Executive Budget recommends \$31.2 billion in School Aid for school year (SY) 2023, an increase of \$2.1 billion (7.1 percent). This growth primarily reflects a \$1.6 billion (8.1 percent) Foundation Aid increase, including a 3 percent minimum annual increase to fully funded districts that would otherwise not receive a Foundation Aid increase under current law. Growth in School Aid largely reflects the second year of the three year phase-in of full funding of the current Foundation Aid formula and assumed growth in expense-based aids.” [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 17), [1/18/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Directing \$8.6 Billion Of Federal Resources To Education Programs. “Overall, the Federal resources expected to be utilized by the Executive Budget include: [...] Education (\$8.6 billion). K-12 education, special education and higher education receive Federal support. Similar to Medicaid and the human service programs, much of Federal education funding received is directed toward vulnerable New Yorkers, such as students in high poverty schools, those with disabilities, and college students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell grants.” [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 38), [1/18/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Providing A 7.1 Percent (\$2.1 Billion) Annual School Aid Increase For A Record Total Of \$31.3 Billion In Funding. “The Executive Budget provides a 7.1% (\$2.1 billion) annual School Aid increase for a record total of \$31.3 billion...” [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 76), [1/18/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Funding Increases And New Investments That Would Create A State Teacher Residency Program To Provide Matching Funding For Local Districts To Create Two-Year Residency Programs For Graduate-Level Teacher Candidates. “Proposed funding increases and new investments include one-time grants from Economic Development Fund for workforce development grants to facilitate job creation and/or retention; creating a state teacher residency program to provide matching funding for local districts to create two-year residency programs for graduate-level teacher candidates; expanding alternative teacher certification programs to make it easier and more appealing for professionals in other careers to become teachers...” [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 18), [1/18/22](#)]

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Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Increasing New York City’s Charter Schools’ Per-Pupil Funding By 4.7 Percent, Allowing Charter Schools To Continue To Recruit High-Quality Teachers. “The Executive Budget increases New York City charter schools’ per-pupil funding by 4.7 percent. This will allow charter schools to continue to innovate, recruit high-quality teachers and staff, and provide strong educational options for New York’s families and students.” [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 77), [1/18/22](#)]

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul’s Executive Budget Proposed Incentives For Retired Teachers To Rejoin The Workforce By Temporarily Waiving The \$35,000 Income Limit For Retirees. “The Executive Budget will incentivize retired teachers and other school workers to rejoin the workforce by temporarily waiving the \$35,000 income limit for retirees. This cap serves as a disincentive to return to work, and thousands of educational professionals have left the workforce during the pandemic.” [New York State — FY 2023 Budget: Briefing Book (p. 142), [1/18/22](#)]

...and while conservatives are threatening women's access to vital health care across the country...

Texas's Highly Restrictive Abortion Law Forced Thousands Of Women To Cross State Lines To Seek Reproductive Care, According To A New Study. “Texas’s highly restrictive abortion law has forced thousands of women to cross state lines to seek the procedure, according to new research by the University of Texas. Since the passing of the law, known as Senate Bill 8 (SB8) last year banning almost all abortions in the state, an average of 1,400 Texas women traveled each month between September and December 2021 and sought abortion services at 34 facilities in nearby states.” [The Guardian, [3/9/22](#)]

GOP-Led States Plan To Introduce Bills Restricting Abortion Using Texas's Law As A Model. “Republican states that have passed increasingly tough abortion restrictions only to see them blocked by the federal courts have a new template in an unusually written Texas law that represents the most far-reaching curb on abortions in nearly half a century. On Thursday, Republican lawmakers in at least half a dozen states said they planned to introduce bills using the Texas law as a model, hoping it provides a pathway to enacting the kind of abortion crackdown they have sought for years.” [Associated Press, [9/2/21](#)]

Florida Passed A Bill Banning Abortion After 15 Weeks Of Pregnancy, Signaling The Start Of What Is Expected To Be A “Cascade” Of Restrictions In GOP-Led States. “The Florida state Senate voted late Thursday to pass a Republican bill that would ban abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, signaling the start of what is expected to be a cascade of new restrictions in GOP-led states as the conservative Supreme Court considers the fate of Roe v. Wade.” [Washington Post, [3/3/22](#)]

Conservative US Supreme Court Justices Signal Support For Restricting Abortion In Pivotal Case. “Conservative justices in the US supreme court have signaled their support for curbing abortion access during oral arguments in the most important reproductive rights case in decades, threatening the future of abortion access across the country. Campaigners have warned the case poses a direct threat to the legal underpinnings of Roe v Wade, a landmark 1973 decision that guaranteed the constitutional right to abortion. In their lines of questioning on Wednesday, liberal justices warned against abandoning important legal precedent, while conservatives argued for reviewing it.” [The Guardian, [12/1/21](#)]

WHO: “Lack Of Access To Safe, Timely, Affordable And Respectful Abortion Care Is A Critical Public Health And Human Rights Issue.” “Lack of access to safe, timely, affordable and respectful abortion care is a critical public health and human rights issue.” [World Health Organization — Abortion, [11/25/21](#)]

...making sure abortion access is always safe in New York.

Jan. 2022: Gov. Hochul Released An Equity Agenda That Included Codifying Insurance Coverage For Abortion. “Building on her ongoing commitment to protect reproductive health and rights for all New Yorkers, Governor Hochul will take additional action to ensure anyone seeking reproductive care in New York has the access they need by expanding the family planning grant program, supporting safety-net providers, and codifying insurance coverage for abortion.” [Governor Kathy Hochul — Press Release, [1/5/22](#)]

Sept. 2021: Gov. Hochul Announced An Agenda To “Affirm Abortion Rights And Cement New York’s Status As A Place To Welcome Women Seeking Abortion Care.” “In response to anti-abortion laws in Texas and across the country, Governor Kathy Hochul today announced an agenda to affirm abortion rights and cement New York’s status as a place to welcome women seeking abortion care. Governor Hochul was joined by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand to lay out their combined efforts to fight for reproductive rights. [...] ‘Abortion access is safe in New York - the rights of those who are seeking abortion services will always be protected here,’ Governor Hochul said. ‘This plan will affirm that in our state, and leaders like Senator Gillibrand will fight on a national level. To the women of Texas, I want to say I am with you. Lady Liberty is here to welcome you with open arms.’” [Governor Kathy Hochul — Press Release, [9/13/21](#)]

As Part Of This Agenda, Gov. Hochul Directed State Agencies To Coordinate A Statewide Public Information Campaign To Ensure Women Know Their Reproductive Rights. “As part of these efforts, the Governor is directing State agencies to coordinate a statewide public information campaign, including the development of a patient bill of rights, in coordination with stakeholders. This campaign will help women know their rights and legal protections and ensure this information is accessible and widely available.” [Governor Kathy Hochul — Press Release, [9/13/21](#)]

The Governor Also Directed The Dept. Of Health To Ensure Medication Abortion Is Easily Accessed During Telehealth Visits. “The Governor also directed the Department of Health to take immediate action to develop and widely distribute modern and comprehensive provider guidance on the right to provide abortion care and to ensure updates to existing regulations are adopted so that medication abortion can be more easily accessed during telehealth visits.” [Governor Kathy Hochul — Press Release, [9/13/21](#)]

Sept. 2021: Gov. Hochul Suggested She Would Support The Creation Of An Abortion Care Fund Run By The State And Financed Through Optional Donations By Taxpayers. “Several bills are currently awaiting action by lawmakers and could be priorities in the upcoming session. [...] Another sponsored by Bronx state Sen. Alessandra Biaggi and Bronx Assembly Member Karines Reyes ... would create an abortion care fund run by the state and financed through optional donations from New Yorkers on their tax forms. [...] Asked if she supported the abortion care fund legislation, Hochul at first said she would be ‘looking at that’ when she erroneously thought the bill had passed and awaited her signature. When it was pointed out the bill still must pass, Hochul changed her tune. ‘Then it’s not on my desk, but I support it,’ she said, without elaborating on whether it would be a legislative priority of hers in the next session or in her first budget. In a statement to City & State, Biaggi said she was ‘happy to hear’ Hochul voice support for the bill and looks forward to working with her and legislative leaders to get it passed in the next session. In a text message, Reyes said she had not yet spoken to Hochul or her staff about the legislation, but echoed Biaggi’s sentiment. ‘Hopefully the governor can help us get our bill through the Legislature and those are conversations we’ll begin to have as we move into the coming session,’ Reyes wrote.” [City & State, [9/13/21](#)]

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