

**RESOLUTION NO. 156**

**REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED WITH COUNSEL AT COUNTY EXPENSE PURSUANT TO THE PLAN UNDER ARTICLE 18-B OF THE COUNTY LAW ARE FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO OBTAIN COUNSEL**

Introduced: 4/11/11

By Mr. Mayo:

WHEREAS, The County of Albany has adopted a plan pursuant to Article 18-B of the County Law pursuant to which individuals who are financially unable to obtain counsel are provided with counsel at county expense, and

WHEREAS, Recent claims have been made that individuals who are in fact financially able to obtain counsel at their own expense have inappropriately been provided with counsel at county expense, and

WHEREAS, It is in the clear interests of the county taxpayers to take steps to ensure at the earliest possible time that individuals who are seeking to have counsel appointed pursuant to the 18-B Plan are in fact financially eligible, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By this Honorable Body that the County Executive be and he hereby is requested to take steps necessary to verify at the earliest possible time that all individuals who are provided with counsel at Albany County expense pursuant to the 18-B Plan are in fact financially eligible , and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

*Referred to Law Committee. 4/11/11*