

## RESOLUTION NO. 94

### REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE NYS LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOUSING PAROLE VIOLATORS AND STATE-READY INMATES IN LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Introduced: 3/13/06

By Messrs. Ward, Messrs. Aidala, Aylward, Beston, Clay, Collins, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cunningham, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Frederick, Gordon, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Messercola, Monjeau, Morse, Nichols, Reilly, Riddick, Shafer, Steck, Mss. Wiley and Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Correctional Facility and other county jails in upstate New York lose \$2 for every \$1 they collect from New York State for housing state-ready inmates and parolees held on technical violations, and

WHEREAS, The State currently reimburses upstate counties and New York City \$34 a day for these two classes of inmates, a rate set in 1992 which today amounts to about one-third of Albany County's actual cost to house an inmate and which pales in comparison to the \$91-\$100 a day it receives for housing federal inmates and inmates from other counties, and

WHEREAS, With 28,761 state inmate days logged in 2005, New York State paid Albany County \$977,874 last year to house State-ready inmates and technical parole violators in the Albany County Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, The State does not reimburse counties for housing state parolees whose arrest by local police on new charges lands them in county jails for periods of at least 90 days, and

WHEREAS, The Governor has proposed in his 2006-2007 fiscal budget to raise the state's reimbursement rate to \$40 a day, with no reimbursement proposed for new arrest parole violators, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature joins the New York State Association of Counties in urging the Governor and the State Legislature to raise the State reimbursement rate for all parole violators and state-ready inmates to more closely reflect actual costs of some \$105 per day per inmate upstate and \$290 per day in New York City and downstate facilities, and, be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Albany County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor George Pataki, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Neil Breslin, Assemblymen Ronald Canestrari, John McEneny, Robert Reilly and Pat Casale and to the appropriate County Officials.

*Adopted by unanimous vote. 3/13/06*