

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY

SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

PROBATION AGENDA

October 20, 2026

Committee Members: Supervisors Maday, Conover, Strainer, Gilligan, Driscoll, Butler and O'Neill

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chair**
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee Meeting**
- III. Privilege of the floor and public comment**
- IV. Action Agenda/New Business Items:**

- 1. **Request:** To contract with Warren Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc. for an Alternative Sentencing Program for the period 1/1/27-12/31/27 in the amount of \$70,000. Result of Bid WC 43-26.
Rationale: Contract is needed to continue alternative sentencing program.

- V. Discussion Items:**
 - NYSAC Resolution to delink RTA reimbursement from state property tax cap.

VI. Referrals/Pending Items: None

VII. Privilege of the floor and public comment

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

Attachments: 1. Resolution Request No. 3
 2. NYSAC Resolution

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 3

Request for New Contract

DEPARTMENT NAME: Probation

DATE: October 20, 2026

- (a) Is this a Result of a Bid or Request for Proposal? **Yes, WC 43-26**
- (b) Purpose of Contract: **To contract with Warren Hamilton Counties ACOE, Inc. for an Alternative Sentencing Program.**
- (c) Name of Contractor: **Warren Hamilton Counties ACOE, Inc.**
- (d) Address of Contractor: **190 Maple Street, PO Box 968, Glens Falls, NY 12801**
- (e) Contractor's Contact Person and Telephone Number: **Stephanie Gulick, 518-793-0636**
- (f) Has or will the Contract be provided, if so, please attach: **Will be provided**
- (g) Commencement Date of Contract: **1/1/2027**
- (h) Termination Date of Contract: **12/31/2027 (With two (2) additional one year terms from the original date of expiration provided such extension are mutually agreeable to both parties.)**
- (i) Payment Provisions:
 - i) lump sum amount
 - ii) hourly rate amount
 - iii) total amount not to exceed **\$70,000**
 - iv) how will payments be made (i.e. monthly, quarterly, upon completion of the project, etc.
- (j) Where are the Funds for this Contract? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title* and Amount: **OR Capital Project OR Capital Reserve Project Number, Title, and Amount: A.3140 470 Probation-Contract \$70,000**

Sample: A.1010 470 Legislative Board – Contract \$xx.xx
Capital Project No. H289.9550 480 – Old Jail Renovations \$xx.xx

*as listed in budget and LOGOS

**2026 NYSAC Fall Seminar
Standing Committee on Public Safety
Resolution #3**

Resolution Urging the Governor and State Legislature to Delink Raise the Age Reimbursement from the Property Tax Cap and Restructure It as a Predictable, Upfront Grant

1 **WHEREAS**, the Raise the Age (RTA) law, enacted in 2017, raised the age of criminal
2 responsibility in New York State to 18 and redirected most 16- and 17-year-olds from the
3 adult criminal justice system, and the State committed to reimburse counties for 100
4 percent of the eligible incremental costs of implementing the law; and

5 **WHEREAS**, that reimbursement is conditioned on a county either remaining within
6 the state property tax cap or obtaining a state fiscal-hardship determination, leaving
7 counties that must exceed the cap dependent on a discretionary process and exposed to
8 the loss of State funding for these state-mandated costs; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the state property tax cap generally limits annual levy growth to two
10 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower, while counties have little control over
11 the mandated costs that drive their budgets; and

12 **WHEREAS**, counties face mounting budgetary pressures largely outside their
13 control—including persistent inflation that has outpaced the property tax cap's
14 allowable levy growth, rising health care and employee health insurance costs, increased
15 pension contributions from multiple enhancements to Tier 5 and 6 enacted in recent
16 years including the SFY 2027 State Budget, and federal cost shifts under H.R.1—all of
17 which strain county budgets independent of Raise the Age; and

18 **WHEREAS**, as a result, a rapidly growing number of counties are being forced toward
19 property tax cap overrides, with the Office of the State Comptroller reporting that nearly
20 one-quarter of counties planned to override the cap for 2026, up from 3.5% in 2022,
21 and more than a dozen counties exceeding the cap this year; and

22 **WHEREAS**, because RTA reimbursement is tied to cap compliance, a county that
23 overrides the cap for reasons wholly unrelated to and outside the control of the RTA
24 program risks forfeiting reimbursement for costs the State has mandated and promised
25 to fund—a penalty that bears no rational relationship to Raise the Age; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the current reimbursement model is also retrospective, requiring counties
27 to first pay providers and then seek reimbursement through a multi-agency approval
28 process involving the Office of Children and Family Services, the Division of Criminal
29 Justice Services, and the Division of the Budget, often waiting roughly a year to be
30 reimbursed; and

31 **WHEREAS**, this structure creates serious cash-flow challenges that fall hardest on
32 smaller and rural counties unable to front large sums to providers, and undermines

1 counties' ability to plan and sustain the effective, evidence-based youth-justice
2 programming that RTA was intended to support; and

3 **WHEREAS**, removing the tax-cap condition and converting reimbursement to a
4 predictable, upfront grant would give counties the fiscal stability to meet their state-
5 mandated RTA obligations while protecting local property taxpayers.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
7 Counties (NYSAC) urges the Governor and the State Legislature to permanently delink
8 Raise the Age reimbursement from the property tax cap, so that a county's eligibility for
9 State reimbursement of state-mandated RTA costs no longer depends on its property tax
10 levy decisions; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the State restructure Raise the Age funding from a
12 back-end reimbursement model into a predictable, upfront grant that provides counties
13 the resources to meet their obligations at the time costs are incurred; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the State maintain its commitment to fund 100
15 percent of the eligible incremental costs counties incur to implement Raise the Age; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the State streamline and accelerate the
17 administration of Raise the Age funding, including the approval processes involving the
18 Office of Children and Family Services, the Division of Criminal Justice Services, and
19 the Division of the Budget, to eliminate the reimbursement delays that strain county
20 cash flow; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of
22 New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
24 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, the Commissioner of the Office
25 of Children and Family Services, the Commissioner of the Division of Criminal Justice
26 Services, the Director of the Division of the Budget, and all others deemed necessary and
27 proper.