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Ms. Elena Ruth Sassower
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

Your letter dated April 2, 2014 was received by this office on the same date. You requested the following:

- All publicly-available records pertaining to the amendments in A.8551, A Budget Bill Making Appropriations for the Support of Government (Legislature and Judiciary Budget), resulting in A.8551-A.

In submitting your inquiry, you reference several portions of the Rules of the Assembly. It is important to note that the Rules of the Assembly are not applicable to the Governor when he submits his budget (which includes both appropriation and language bills) to the Legislature. The Governor submits these bills under his separate constitutional authority contained in Article VII and the Legislature may not use its rules to limit the Governor's constitutional authority.

The Assembly Public Information Office responds to requests for Assembly records. While the Assembly can provide you with copies of both A.8551 and A.8851-A, the documents you requested do not exist within the records of the Assembly. The Governor introduces complete budget bills directly to the Legislature through the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission. The Governor also submits new complete amended bill to the Legislature in the same manner. The Governor does not submit separate amendments.

Regarding your request for memorandum in support of the Legislature and Judiciary budget legislation, similarly those documents are not filed with the Assembly, but with the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission. The Assembly does not possess separate copies of the documents you requested and noted in your letter.

If you are interested in requesting certain records maintained by the Assembly, we can assist you in that request. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Robin Marilla