

Center for Judicial Accountability

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Subject: Records Request by the Center for Judicial Accountability

Ms. Sassower,

Reed Philippi, Director for Legal Services for the NYS Legislative Bill Drafting Commission (LBDC) forwarded your email request regarding publicly available records pertaining to S.2001/A.3001 and their related amendments to my attention.

The only records that LBDC maintains that are responsive to your request are the actual bills and the amendments thereto. These are available on the public website. (www.public.leginfo.state.ny.us). They may also be found on the Division of Budget website: www.Budget.ny.gov

In response to your questions to the Senate and the Assembly, as set forth in your letter to them dated April 8, 2015, we can offer the following information:

1. Both bills were submitted by the Governor:
 - S.2001/A.3001 – submitted January 21, 2015
 - S.2001A/A.3001A – submitted March 28, 2015
2. The original submission of these bills is prepared by the Governor's Office and not by LBDC. LBDC does not have the ability to compare the original budget bills to the amended budget bills in order to note the changes made by the Governor's Office.
3. The work of LBDC is technical in nature and as such, LBDC is not aware of the policy (or other bases) behind the changes to the original budget bills.
4. The work of LBDC is technical in nature and as such, LBDC is not aware of the fiscal impact of the changes in the amended budget bills.
5. LBDC does not maintain any records relative to the cumulative dollar total of the amended bills as compared with the original submission.
6. LBDC does not maintain any stenographic transcripts and/or videos of any Senate and Assembly committee meeting at which the amended budget bills were discussed/voted on. However, both the Assembly and Senate maintain videos of committee meetings. I am attaching the following links to the Assembly and Senate pages for your convenience. Both contain links to video of committee meetings: www.Senate.ny.gov www.Assembly.state.ny.us
7. LBDC does not maintain a record of votes of committee members.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

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