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TO: Valerie Friedlander, Records Access Officer/Division of Criminal Justice Services  
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: FOIL REQUEST: The “plan” to reimburse counties not covered by Judiciary Law §183-a for district attorney salaries: fiscal years 2016-17, 2015-16, and 2014-15

Governor Cuomo’s Aid to Localities Budget Bill for fiscal year 2016-2017, both original (#S.6403/A.9003, at p. 45) and enacted (#S.6403-D/A.9003-D, at p. 74), contains an entry which begins with the words: “For grants to counties for district attorney salaries”. It ends, as follows:

“...For those counties whose salaries are not covered by section 183-a of the judiciary law, the state reimbursement for these counties will be pursuant to a plan prepared by the commissioner of criminal justice services and approved by the director of the budget (20244)” (underlining added).

Except for the parenthesized number “(20244)”, the identical entry appears in Governor Cuomo’s Aid to Localities Budget Bill for fiscal year 2015-2016, both original (S.2003/A.3003, at p. 46-47) and enacted (S.2003-C/A.3003-C, pp. 61-62), and in his Aid to Localities Budget Bill for fiscal year 2014-2015, both original (S.6353/A.8553, at p. 37) and enacted (S.6353-E/A.8553-E, at p. 60-61).

Pursuant to FOIL, request is made for the referred-to “plan prepared by the commissioner of criminal justice services and approved by the director of the budget” for fiscal years 2016-17, 2015-16, and 2014-15, as well as records identifying the plans’ dollar reimbursement for district attorney salaries to each county in each of those three fiscal years.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §89.3, your response/acknowledgment is required “within five business days” of your receipt of this request. I would appreciate if you e-mailed it to me at [elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org).

Thank you.

