

RESOLUTION NO. 2026056

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL NO. 8837 AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2535, AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, IN RELATION TO OPTIONAL DISABILITY COVERAGE FOR COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS.

Legislators VALDÉS SMITH, ALEXANDER, ARNOFF, BRENDLI, DRAGO, KAUL, KEARNEY, LAWLER, REDL, RHODES and SHAH offer the following Resolution and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 8837 and Assembly Bill No. 2535 have been introduced in the New York State Legislature, seeking to allow any county to opt-in and include county probation officers on the list of county employees who are eligible to receive through the collective bargaining process disability coverage equal to their full salary in the event that they are injured in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, probation officers' duties involve them in virtually all phases of the criminal justice process, including investigations, presentencing, criminal supervision, treatment and other preventative corrective services; and

WHEREAS, often, probation is relied upon more frequently as a viable alternative to incarceration or detention and probation officers find themselves performing many of the functions performed by their counterparts in the police and corrections services; and

WHEREAS, probation officers are exposed daily to the risks and dangers involved in managing a potentially violent criminal population and they are regularly exposed to significant amounts of stress and aggravation, not to mention the possibility of bodily injury that may result from the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, under the current law, probation officers are not eligible to receive comparable disability coverage for injuries they sustain in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the legislation would allow for probation officers to receive equal treatment by permitting county employers and employee representatives to negotiate for this benefit through the collective bargaining process at their option with all costs to be incurred by the employer and/or employee, as determined through collective bargaining; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that We, the Dutchess County Legislature do support Senate Bill No. 8837 and Assembly Bill No. 2535 and urge the New York State Senate, Assembly and the Governor of the State of New York to enact such legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature is hereby directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New

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York, to all Senate and Assembly members whose districts include any or all of Dutchess County, New York, and to Timothy A. Davidian, Director of the Department of Probation.

APPROVED


SUSAN J. SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date April 22, 2026

STATE OF NEW YORK

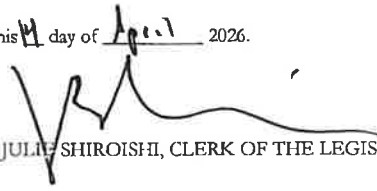
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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 15 day of April, 2026, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 14 day of April, 2026.




JULIE SHIROISHI, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

☒ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTIONS

(To be completed by requesting department)

Total Current Year Cost \$ _____

Total Current Year Revenue \$ _____
and Source

Source of County Funds *(check one)*: ☐ Existing Appropriations, ☐ Contingency,
☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations, ☐ Additional Appropriations, ☐ Other *(explain)*.

Identify Line Items(s):

Related Expenses: Amount \$ _____

Nature/Reason:

Anticipated Savings to County: _____

Net County Cost (this year): _____
Over Five Years: _____

Additional Comments/Explanation:

Prepared by: Yvette Valdes Smith Prepared On: 3/13/26

STATE OF NEW YORK

2535

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 17, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, COLTON, WEPRIN, DiPIETRO, McDONOUGH, BURDICK, SANTABARBARA, SLATER, SIMONE, LUNSFORD -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. LUPARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to optional disability coverage for county probation officers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 207-c of the general municipal
2 law, as amended by section 55 of chapter 476 of the laws of 2018, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 1. Any sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff or corrections officer of
5 the sheriff's department of any county or any member of a police force
6 of any county, city of less than one million population, town or
7 village, or of any district, agency, board, body or commission thereof,
8 or any LIRR police officer as defined in paragraph two of subdivision a
9 of section three hundred eighty-nine of the retirement and social secu-
10 rity law whose benefits are provided in and pursuant to such section
11 three hundred eighty-nine, or a detective-investigator or any other
12 investigator who is a police officer pursuant to the provisions of the
13 criminal procedure law employed in the office of a district attorney of
14 any county, or any corrections officer of the county of Erie department
15 of corrections, or an advanced ambulance medical technician employed by
16 the county of Nassau, or any detention officer employed by the city of
17 Yonkers, or any supervising fire inspector, fire inspector, fire
18 marshal, or assistant fire marshal employed full-time in the county of
19 Nassau fire marshal's office, or at the option of [~~the~~ any county [~~of~~
20 ~~Nassau~~], any county probation officer [~~of the county of Nassau~~] who is
21 injured in the performance of [~~his or her~~ their duties or who is taken
22 sick as a result of the performance of [~~his or her~~ such duties so as to
23 necessitate medical or other lawful remedial treatment shall be paid by

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[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 the municipality or The Long Island Rail Road Company by which [~~he or~~
2 ~~she~~] such employee is employed the full amount of [~~his or her~~] their
3 regular salary or wages from such employer until [~~his or her~~] the disa-
4 bility arising therefrom has ceased, and, in addition such municipality
5 or The Long Island Rail Road Company shall be liable for all medical
6 treatment and hospital care necessitated by reason of such injury or
7 illness. Provided, however, and notwithstanding the foregoing provisions
8 of this section, the municipal or The Long Island Rail Road Company
9 health authorities or any physician appointed for the purpose by the
10 municipality or The Long Island Rail Road Company, as relevant, after a
11 determination has first been made that such injury or sickness was
12 incurred during, or resulted from, such performance of duty, may attend
13 any such injured or sick police officer, from time to time, for the
14 purpose of providing medical, surgical or other treatment, or for making
15 inspections, and the municipality or The Long Island Rail Road Company,
16 as the case may be, shall not be liable for salary or wages payable to
17 such police officer, or for the cost of medical treatment or hospital
18 care furnished after such date as such health authorities or physician
19 shall certify that such injured or sick police officer has recovered and
20 is physically able to perform [~~his or her~~] regular duties. Any injured
21 or sick police officer who shall refuse to accept medical treatment or
22 hospital care or shall refuse to permit medical inspections as herein
23 authorized, including examinations pursuant to subdivision two of this
24 section, shall be deemed to have waived [~~his or her~~] their rights under
25 this section in respect to expenses for medical treatment or hospital
26 care rendered and for salary or wages payable after such refusal.

27 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a provider of
28 medical treatment or hospital care furnished pursuant to the provisions
29 of this section shall not collect or attempt to collect reimbursement
30 for such treatment or care from any such police officer, any such
31 advanced ambulance medical technician or any such detention officer.
32 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 207-c of the general municipal law, as
33 amended by section 56 of chapter 476 of the laws of 2018, is amended to
34 read as follows:

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36 the sheriff's department of any county (hereinafter referred to as a
37 "police officer") or any member of a police force of any county, city of
38 less than one million population, town or village, or of any district,
39 agency, board, body or commission thereof, or a detective-investigator
40 or any other investigator who is a police officer pursuant to the
41 provisions of the criminal procedure law employed in the office of a
42 district attorney of any county, or any corrections officer of the coun-
43 ty of Erie department of corrections, or an advanced ambulance medical
44 technician employed by the county of Nassau, or any detention officer
45 employed by the city of Yonkers, or any supervising fire inspector, fire
46 inspector, fire marshal or assistant fire marshal employed full-time in
47 the county of Nassau fire marshal's office, or at the option of [~~the~~]
48 any county [~~of Nassau~~], any county probation officer [~~of the county of~~
49 ~~Nassau~~] who is injured in the performance of [~~his or her~~] their duties
50 or who is taken sick as a result of the performance of [~~his or her~~] such
51 duties so as to necessitate medical or other lawful remedial treatment
52 shall be paid by the municipality by which [~~he or she~~] such employee is
53 employed the full amount of [~~his or her~~] their regular salary or wages
54 until [~~his or her~~] the disability arising therefrom has ceased, and, in
55 addition such municipality shall be liable for all medical treatment and
56 hospital care necessitated by reason of such injury or illness.

1 Provided, however, and notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this
2 section, the municipal health authorities or any physician appointed for
3 the purpose by the municipality, after a determination has first been
4 made that such injury or sickness was incurred during, or resulted from,
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24 technician, any such detention officer or any such detective-investiga-
25 tor or any other such investigator who is a police officer pursuant to
26 the provisions of the criminal procedure law.

27 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that section two
28 of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as
29 chapter 628 of the laws of 1991 takes effect.

STATE OF NEW YORK

8837

IN SENATE

January 8, 2026

Introduced by Sens. HINCHEY, GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

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15 of corrections, or an advanced ambulance medical technician employed by
16 the county of Nassau, or any detention officer employed by the city of
17 Yonkers, or any supervising fire inspector, fire inspector, fire
18 marshal, or assistant fire marshal employed full-time in the county of
19 Nassau fire marshal's office, or at the option of ~~[the]~~ any county ~~[of~~
20 ~~Nassau]~~, any county probation officer ~~[of the county of Nassau]~~ who is
21 injured in the performance of ~~[his or her]~~ their duties or who is taken
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Public Safety Roll Call

<i>District</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon	Valdés Smith*	X	
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	Atkins*	X	
District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck	Munn*	X	
District 3 - LaGrange	Polasek*	X	
District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger*	X	
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Arnoff	X	
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney	X	
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust	X	
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Rhodes	X	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago (VC)	X	
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison	X	
District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Alexander (C)	X	

Present: 12

Resolution:

Total : 12

Absent:

Motion:

Yes

No

Vacant:

Abstentions:

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Roll Call Sheets

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District 12 - East Fishkill	Metzger	X	
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Redl		ABSENT
District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie	Arnoff	X	
District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie	Lawler	X	
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Shah	X	
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Kaul	X	
District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley	Darrow	X	
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Brendli	X	
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Johnson	X	
District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck	Kearney	X	
District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger	Giles	X	
District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie	Winsby	X	
District 15 - Wappinger	Faust		ABSENT
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	McHoul	X	
District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill	Rhodes	X	
District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook	Drago	X	
District 21 - East Fishkill	Caswell		ABSENT
District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale	Tresca	X	
District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Rolison	X	
District 24 - Dover and Pawling	House	X	
District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook	Alexander	X	
Present: <u>22</u>	Resolution: ____	Total : <u>22</u>	<u>0</u>
Absent: <u>3</u>	Motion: ____	Yes	No
Vacant: ____		Abstentions: ____	

CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS 2026043, 044, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 052, 055, 056, 057, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063