



Resolution
Board of Supervisors
County of Columbia
New York

RESOLUTION NO.: 118-2012

DATE: April 11, 2012

BY SUPERVISOR _____
HEALTH/MEDICAL SERVICES
CHAIRMAN: LAWRENCE ANDREWS

**REQUESTING THAT THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMALLY OPPOSE THE INCLUSION OF PART Q OF S.6256/A. 9053 IN THE
NEW YORK STATE BUDGET**

UPON, recommendation of the Health/Medical Services Committee at a meeting held on the 20th day of March 2012; and of the Finance Committee at a meeting held on the 3rd day of April, 2012;

WHEREAS, the proposed New York State budget includes changes to the mechanism for Restoration of competence for those individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial for a felony Charge; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services (DHS) presently pays 50% of all MHL 7.30 Competency placements in State Facilities; and

WHEREAS, inclusion of Part Q would shift costs to localities in part because the need for a 1:1 for a correction guard significantly increase the cost of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the language of "Part Q" does not require consultation with local Directors of Community Services and the ambiguity of the proposed overall role of the DCS is inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, County Jails do not have the appropriate resources to treat this population and the language included in Part Q may suggest that because of "Jail Based Services Project", Columbia County has a "Mental Health Unit" in its jail. This clearly is not the case. The jail's inability to Medicare over objection is an addition significant barrier to provide comprehensive "restoration of competence" to any impacted inmate; and

WHEREAS, inclusion of Part Q of S.6256/A.9053 in the budget at a minimum does not meet the Inmate's needs or the needs of Columbia County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors formally opposes the inclusion of Part Q of S.6256/A.9053 in the New York State Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Human Services, the Payroll/Accounts Payable Department, the Civil Service Commission, the Department of Human Resources, the Columbia County Attorney and the Columbia County Treasurer.

Approved:

County Attorney

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Committee**

