



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS**

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON BANKS**

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Oral Testimony by Invitation Only**

Monday, March 7, 2011  
11:00 am  
Room 711 A  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York

**SUBJECT:** Consolidation of New York State Agencies

**PURPOSE:** To examine the impact of proposed agency consolidations on the affected agencies, delivery of services, the State workforce, affected industries and businesses, and citizens.

Governor Cuomo's proposed 2011-2012 Budget would consolidate eleven agencies, divisions and offices into four agencies. The Department of Correctional Services and the Division of Parole would be joined to form the new Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. A new Division of Criminal Justice Services would be created from the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, the Office of Victim Services, the State Commission of Correction, and the Division of Criminal Justice Services. The Department of Banking, Department of Insurance, and State Consumer Protection Board would be merged to form a new Department of Financial Regulation. In addition, the Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation would be merged into the current Empire State Development Corporation.

The Governor's Budget briefing materials state "The consolidation offers opportunities for shared operations, program synergies, and the maximization of funding sources, while ensuring the critical missions of these three agencies are safeguarded". The Budget briefing materials shared with the Legislature do not show substantial saving resulting from these consolidations.

While the Legislative Budget hearings held in February did produce some more details on these proposed consolidation, a number of issues and questions have arisen concerning these affected agencies. The purpose of this hearing is to assist the Legislature in identifying and learning about concerns on the delivery of services, the State workforce and cost savings.

**Oral testimony will be accepted by invitation only and limited to 10 minutes in duration.** 15 copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements. Written testimony will also be accepted and may be sent to the contact person listed on the reply form. In order to further publicize the hearing, please inform interested parties of the Committees' interest in receiving written testimony from all sources.

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Public Hearing Reply Form

Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing on issues concerning the consolidation of State agencies to be held on March 7, 2011 or who wish to submit written testimony, are requested to complete and return this reply form by February 28, 2011 by mail or fax to:

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I plan to attend the public hearing on March 7, 2011 concerning the State Agency Consolidation to be conducted by the Senate Committee on Investigation and Government Operations.

I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 15 copies of my prepared statement.

I will address my remarks to the following subjects:  
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