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## Senator Bonacic Supports Legislation to Help Ease the Burden of Unfunded Mandates

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(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) joined his colleagues this week in passing legislation that would help prevent possible property tax increases or cuts to existing services by requiring the state to fund mandated programs that come at an additional cost for municipalities or school districts. Senator Bonacic co-sponsors this legislation, S1347, which would make it easier for local governments to stay within the highly successful property tax cap and provide further relief to local taxpayers.

“State-mandated programs place unnecessary stress on taxpayers and local officials for services they don’t control,” said Senator Bonacic. “When the state sets local priorities and forces municipal taxing decisions by mandating services, programs, and standards, many local governments, and school districts are forced to make difficult choices such as increasing property taxes or cutting back on other services and programs.”

The bill has been sent to the Assembly.