



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Luis R. Sepúlveda

## Statement From Senator Sepúlveda on Policing Reforms Legislative Package

LUIS R. SEPÚLVEDA June 9, 2020

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"This week is a historic one for New York State. After so much trauma, pain, and collective action, I am proud to stand with my colleagues in the Legislature as we pass crucial and long-overdue bills for police reform and accountability. We know that law enforcement has been plagued by systemic racism and complete lack of transparency, which have disproportionately hurt black and brown people in America for centuries.

This month, we collectively came to a turning point, after the lives of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and too many others, were stolen from us. On the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic which has devastated low-income communities of color in particular, the world has begun to stand up and say “No More.” Echoing the calls of protesters in New York and beyond, calling for justice and transformative structural change, New York has taken historic steps to reform law enforcement, increase transparency and accountability, and combat systemic discrimination in policing.

It is crucial that we rebuild trust in those who are meant to protect and serve us, and build a genuinely fair justice system that works for everyone regardless of race, creed, income, and so on. I thank my colleagues for their leadership on these historic bills, and thank the countless community members who have raised their voices and taken action, as we take these crucial steps to heal and rebuild, towards greater justice, equality, and freedom."

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#### RELATED LEGISLATION

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### **2019-S2575B**

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor

- Requires a law enforcement officer or peace officer who discharges his or her weapon under circumstances where a person could be struck by a bullet to immediately report the incident

January 28, 2019

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by [Jamaal T. Bailey](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S8493

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- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor

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Relates to the use of body-worn cameras by New York state police officers

June 06, 2020

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Kevin S. Parker](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S6601A

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- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Relates to medical attention for persons under arrest

June 18, 2019

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Jamaal T. Bailey](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S8492

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- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to reporting a nonemergency incident involving a member of a protected class

June 05, 2020

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by [Kevin S. Parker](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S1830C

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- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor

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Relates to the functions of the chief administrator of the courts

January 16, 2019

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by [Brad Hoylman-Sigal](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S3595B

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- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Creates the law enforcement misconduct investigative office

February 11, 2019

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by **Kevin S. Parker**

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S6670B

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- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate



- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Establishes the crime of aggravated strangulation

August 26, 2019

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by **Brian Benjamin**

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S3253A

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- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Relates to recording certain law enforcement activities

February 05, 2019

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Kevin S. Parker](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S2574B

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- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Creates an office of special investigation within the office of the attorney general

January 28, 2019

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Jamaal T. Bailey](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2019-S8496

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- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Relates to the disclosure of law enforcement disciplinary records; and to repeal section 50-a of the civil rights law relating thereto

June 06, 2020

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Jamaal T. Bailey](#)

Do you support this bill?