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## *Hochul Signs Executive Order Terminating 2,000 Corrections Officers\**

\* 2,600 National Guardsmen stationed in prisons around the state have cost taxpayers over \$1 Billion.<sup>1</sup>

The Daily Post, March 17, 2026

## *Smullen Endorses Plan to End Guard Dependency with HALT Reforms<sup>1</sup>*

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# PROTECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT US

*Assemblyman Smullen's  
Plan to Protect  
Prison Staff,  
Communities and  
Preserve Stability*



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# ASSEMBLYMAN SMULLEN'S PLAN TO PROTECT PRISON STAFF, COMMUNITIES AND PRESERVE STABILITY



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## RESTORE SAFETY IN OUR PRISONS

### THE PROBLEM:

THE HALT ACT SEVERELY LIMITS CONFINEMENT OPTIONS, TAKING AWAY KEY TOOLS USED TO MANAGE DANGEROUS, VIOLENT INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.

### RISING VIOLENCE IN PRISONS:

- 78% INCREASE IN INCARCERATED-INDIVIDUAL-ON- INCARCERATED-INDIVIDUAL ASSAULTS
- 21% INCREASE IN INCARCERATED-INDIVIDUAL-ON-STAFF ASSAULTS

*All since HALT became law.<sup>3</sup>*

### WHO'S PAYING THE PRICE:

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ARE LEFT DEFENSELESS, CREATING DANGEROUS CONDITIONS FOR BOTH STAFF AND INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.<sup>2</sup>

### HALT REPEALER (A.3217):

WOULD RESTORE BALANCE AND GIVE OFFICERS THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND OTHER INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.

## HOLDING THE STATE ACCOUNTABLE ON CLOSED PRISONS (A.3252)



### WHAT IT DOES:

Requires New York State to pay local property taxes on closed state prison facilities until they're reopened, repurposed, or sold.



### WHY IT MATTERS:

Twenty-six state prisons have been shut down in recent years,<sup>3</sup> hurting small towns that depended on them for jobs and economic stability.



### WHAT'S AT STAKE:

When the state abandons these properties, it's the local taxpayers who get stuck with the bill. This legislation ensures Albany lives up to its obligations and doesn't leave our communities behind.

*These common-sense proposals were held in committee and will not see a vote in the Assembly.*

1. <https://www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Robert-SmulLEN/story/117906>

2. <https://www.timesunion.com/capitol/article/correction-officers-union-says-prison-conditions-20259114.php>

3. <https://www.lohud.com/story/news/politics/albany-watch/2025/01/09/great-meadow-sullivan-ny-prisons-closed-what-happened-to-the-workers/77478197007/>

4. <https://www.wnnytv.com/2025/01/27/upstate-cos-nurses-stricken-again/>

5. <https://doocs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2026/01/doocs-fact-sheet-january-2026.pdf>

## MANDATE BODY SCANNER USE FOR ALL VISITORS

ILLICIT DRUGS SMUGGLED INTO STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES BY VISITORS AND INMATES ENDANGER STAFF AND INMATES, AS SEEN IN A JANUARY 2025 INCIDENT AT AN UPSTATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WHERE 20 EMPLOYEES NEEDED MEDICAL ATTENTION DUE TO DRUG EXPOSURE.<sup>4</sup> (A.5888)

## HALT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

THE HALT COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING EMPLOYEE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF WORKING LIFE INSIDE DOCCS' FACILITIES.

BILL A.10430 FOLLOWS RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STATE'S OWN PRISON OFFICIALS TO GIVE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS STRONGER TOOLS TO PUNISH INMATES WHO ATTACK STAFF OR CAUSE SERIOUS TROUBLE SO WE CAN MAKE PRISONS SAFER.