



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

VETO #29

October 9, 2025

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 2520-B entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to time frames for responding to requests for records under the freedom of information act"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require state and local agencies to respond to requests for records under the Freedom of Information Law within increasingly shortened time frames for compliance.

While I support the goal of enhancing public transparency, the bill as drafted is unworkable. It establishes arbitrary deadlines for state and local governmental entities to disclose records in response to FOIL requests, regardless of the complexity or length of any given request or the staff time needed to complete review. Additionally, the bill does not allocate additional resources to agencies to ensure they are able to comply. Therefore, I am constrained to veto this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

Ruth Hochul