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# UPDATE

## 2023 State Legislative Wrap-Up: Committee on Immigration Representation

We've come to the end of 2023, with several actions taken by the Legislature and Governor that may be of interest to your committee. Any memoranda and letters drafted by the committee in support of or opposition to legislation were shared by the Government Relations team, and the team looks forward to working with the committee as we move into the 2024 Legislative Session.

### Committee Legislative Engagement in the 2023 Session

#### **Vetoed by the Governor:**

- A3057(Cruz)/S5826(Kavanagh): Requires notice of risk of deportation of non-citizens, prior to accepting a plea. This bill codifies Association Policy from a 2021 report from the Committee on Immigration Representation, Committee on Legal Aid and the Committee on Mandated Representation. NYSBA sent a Memo in Support and a letter in support to the Governor's office.

#### **Not Passed by the Legislature:**

- S306(Salazar)/A4354(Reyes): Enacts the "Dignity Not Detention" act. The Committee supported this legislation with a Memo in Support (#2).
- S987(Gounardes)/A5686(Reyes): Prohibits and regulates the discovery and disclosure of immigration status; repealer. The Committee supported this legislation with a Memo in Support (#1).
- A170-A(Cruz)/S999-A(Hoylman-Sigal): Establishes the right to legal counsel in immigration court proceedings and provides for the administration thereof. This bill was a legislative priority submitted by the Committee and approved by the House of Delegates. This legislation was also supported by a Memo in Support from the Committee.

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