



2023 State Legislative Wrap-Up: Task Force on Racism, Social Equity, and the Law

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

Task Force Legislative Engagement in the 2023 Session

Signed by the Governor:

- A7691(Solages)/S1163-A(Sanders): Establishes the New York state community commission on reparations remedies. This legislation is supported by the Task Force's 2023 Report and is NYSBA policy.

Not Passed by the Legislature:

- A127(Cruz)/S1738(Hoylman-Sigal): Limits the admissibility of evidence of a defendant's creative or artistic expression against such defendant in a criminal proceeding. The Task Force supported this legislation with a Memo in Support (#1).
- A531(Walker)/S321(Salazar): Authorizes certain persons confined in institutions operated by the department of corrections and community supervision to apply for a sentence reduction. The Task Force supported this legislation with a Memo in Support (#2).

Other Legislation of Interest

- S3245(Brisport): Establishes the universal childcare act; repealer; appropriation. This legislation was introduced in the Senate; no same-as.
- A2035(Davila)/S2423(Hoylman-Sigal): Relates to parole eligibility for certain incarcerated persons age fifty-five. Introduced in both houses; did not move passed committees.
- S2955(Brisport)/A2934(Carroll): Relates to establishing the "pollution justice act". Introduced in both houses; did not move passed committees.

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