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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 9, 2013

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

RE: Lease of Detention Facility Space to Monroe County

Dear Honorable Members:

The Monroe County Children's Center provides secure residential detention services to youth, and Monroe County has recently announced the imminent closure of that facility while a replacement facility is constructed. The Erie County Youth Detention Center was built with a total of 64 beds, with current certification for 50 beds. There is available capacity at the Erie County Youth Detention Center, and we wish to begin discussions with Monroe County and New York State to develop a contract to lease a portion of the Erie County Detention Center to house youth that are to be displaced from the closed facility.

The revenue impacts to this lease are not yet fully established, however, the costs of housing current out-of-County youth at the Erie County facility are fully reimbursed by the State and the county where the child is domiciled. Legislative approval to enter into a contract to lease will be required, and we therefore request approval to initiate these discussions.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Social Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,


Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive

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cc: Carol Dankert-Maurer, Department of Social Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Social Services
Re: Lease of Detention Facility Space to Monroe County
Date: July 8, 2013

SUMMARY

Legislative approval is sought to begin discussions with Monroe County and New York State to lease a portion of the Erie County Youth Detention Center.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to this resolution.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Erie County Youth Detention Center was built with a total of 64 beds, with current certification for 50 beds. There is available capacity at the Erie County Youth Detention Center, and we wish to begin discussions with Monroe County and New York State to develop a contract to lease a portion of the Erie County Detention Center to house youth that are to be displaced from the Monroe County Children's Center.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Monroe County Children's Center provides secure residential detention services to youth, and Monroe County has recently announced the imminent closure of that facility while a replacement facility is constructed.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Discussions will not be initiated.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Discussions will commence and Legislative authorization to contract will be sought.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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to Monroe County**

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Children's Center provides secure residential detention services to youth, and Monroe County has recently announced the imminent closure of that facility while a replacement facility is constructed; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Youth Detention Center was built with a total of 64 beds, with current certification for 50 beds; and

WHEREAS, there is available capacity at the Erie County Youth Detention Center, and we wish to begin discussions with Monroe County and New York State to develop a contract to lease a portion of the Erie County Detention Center to house youth that are displaced from the closed facility; and

WHEREAS, the revenue impacts to this lease are not yet fully established, however, the costs of housing current out-of-County youth at the Erie County facility are fully reimbursed by the State and the county where the child is domiciled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Department is authorized to begin discussions with Monroe County and the State regarding a contract to lease of a portion of the Erie County facility to Monroe County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.