

Addressing the Migrant Crisis



The Problem

- Nearly **7.3 million** Southwest Border Encounters since President Biden assumed office in January 2021
- More than **175,000 migrants** have been processed by New York City
- New York State has already committed nearly **\$2 billion** to address the crisis, with an additional **\$2.4 billion** included in Governor Hochul's 2024-25 Executive Budget
- Mayor Adams at one time projected the costs to New York City to be as much as **\$12 billion**

Assembly Republican Actions Addressing the Migrant Crisis

- On May 17, 2023, members of the Assembly Republican Conference offered solutions to address the Migrant Crisis and called on the Legislature to act immediately
- Unfortunately, the Democrat-led Legislature **FAILED** to act on our recommendations
- As a result, the Assembly Republican Conference called for an **Emergency Special Session** in September of 2023 to consider the following actions:
 1. Require the Comptroller to examine and audit all state and federal funds received/appropriated for humanitarian aid in New York City or any other municipality (A.7508, Ra)
 2. Require New York State to register all migrants in order to assist with background checks and to monitor refugees seeking asylum in the state (A.7319-A, Slater)
 3. Protect counties and municipalities from "Right to Shelter" confusion by requiring local governing bodies in New York State to opt-in to accepting migrants from other jurisdictions (A.8304, Barclay)
 4. Ensure funding is not used to shelter migrants in schools, daycare centers, or community-based organizations (A.8013, Reilly)
 5. Prohibit the Governor from preventing state agencies and/or law enforcement from working with federal agencies for the purposes of enforcing federal immigration law (A.8033, Gandolfo)
 6. Adopt a resolution calling on the federal government to provide financial assistance to the state and to finally address the border crisis they created (to be introduced, Barclay)

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- ***Members of the Assembly Republican Conference brought a lawsuit against New York State opposing the housing of migrants at the former St. John Villa Academy in Staten Island***
 - *This lawsuit was successful and permanently enjoined use of St. John Villa Academy as an emergency shelter for migrants*
 - *Mayor Adams chose not to appeal and let the agreement to use the facility as a shelter expire*
- ***On January 10, 2024, Assembly Republicans stood with concerned parents in Brooklyn at a rally condemning the use of James Madison High School as a temporary migrant shelter, thereby displacing students***
- ***On February 1, 2024, Assembly Republican Leader Will Barclay sent a letter to Governor Hochul requesting the deployment of the New York State National Guard to the State of Texas and the New York/Canadian Border***
- ***On February 6 and February 7, Assembly Republicans held press conferences to rally support for the NYPD officers attacked by migrants and to call for solutions concerning the spiraling migrant crisis***
- ***On February 13 and February 28, Assembly Republicans held press conferences to announce legislation restoring cooperation between New York courts and law enforcement agencies with federal immigration authorities in cases involving the arrest or conviction of illegal migrants:***
 - ***“Laken’s Law”:*** *Requires law enforcement agencies in New York State to forward copies of fingerprints and associated reports detailing an arrest of non-citizens to ICE. Requires all courts within the State to notify ICE upon the felony or misdemeanor conviction of a non-citizen. Reinstates the maximum one-year sentence for a class A misdemeanor for deportation purposes. Repeals provisions of law that currently prevent certain immigration-related courthouse arrests (A.9167, Gandolfo)*

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Additional Assembly Republican Legislation

- *Prohibit the use of SUNY dormitories for the purpose of providing housing for migrant populations (A.7566, Gray)*
- *Prohibit local government actions that would prevent the enforcement of federal immigration laws (NY CARES ACT, A.7706, Flood)*
- *Establish the class C felony of migrant trafficking to criminalize the act of transporting undocumented immigrants from a location outside of New York State to a location within New York State, or any location within New York State to another location within New York State, with intent to drop off such person (A.8880, Lemondes)*