

VETO MESSAGE - No. 220

TO THE SENATE:

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

Senate Bill Number 2054, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to furnishing prepared plans and reports"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would provide that executive agencies submit "strategic plans" and "performance reports" on a regular basis to the Legislature.

It has been and continues to be the practice of the administration to make publicly available its initiatives in the normal course of affairs. The Executive's strategic plans are part of the Executive Budget, which is easily accessible to all New Yorkers online through openbudget.ny.gov, part of Open NY, the comprehensive state data transparency website that provides one-stop access to data from New York State agencies, localities, and the federal government. All Governor's Program bills, detailed descriptions of policy initiatives, and policy presentations made by State agency commissioners and directors-- which, along with the Executive Budget materials, represent the policy plans of the Executive-- are published on State websites. Furthermore, all such materials can be obtained through a Freedom of Information Law request. Thus, this bill is unnecessary and duplicative.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO
