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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Rm. 710
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Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families is seeking legislative approval to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Albany Police Department to reinstate the Truancy Abatement Program, a collaborative initiative designed to identify and engage youth who are chronically absent from school. The program supports early intervention efforts by connecting students and families with educational, social service, and behavioral health resources before issues escalate into more serious concerns. Reinstating this partnership will strengthen countywide efforts to improve school attendance, enhance youth safety, and reduce risk factors associated with delinquency and youth violence. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office for additional questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nicole Ward

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel

