

Making Public Policy (Laws) in New York State

Anticipatory Set:

Step 1: What Two Issues/Problems would you and your partner like to see fixed in your school

Step 2: What are Solutions for your Issues/Problems that you would like to see the people who run your school put into place

Issue (problem) you would like fixed at School	Your Solution to this Issue or Problem would be?
1.	
2.	

Introduction: How a Bill Becomes a Law

Directions: Fill in the blanks below from the presentation

A. For 6 months each year, _____ Branch and the _____ Branch meet in _____ to propose ideas/solutions (_____) to problems and pass the ones most supported into New York State _____.

B. The head of the Executive Branch is the _____. His role in our state is similar to the _____ in our Federal Government.

C. The New York Legislative Branch has two chambers. The New York State _____ and the New York State _____.

D. There are 150 members in the _____ and 63 in the _____.

E. In order for a bill (idea or solution) to become law it must be passed in both the _____ and the _____ and then be signed into law by the _____.

Draw a diagram below that represents steps in the New York State lawmaking process (letter E) below:

How is this an example of checks and balances?

How does this process make sure the citizens of New York have a say in the Public Policy (lawmaking) process?

There are three steps a Bill (idea) must go through to pass through both the Senate and Assembly on its way to the Governor for Signature.

Assembly		Senate
1. Bill Introduction		1. Bill Introduction
2. Committee Process		2. Committee Process
3. Floor Vote/Debate		3. Floor Vote/Debate

Bill Summaries: <http://nyassembly.gov/leg/>

<p style="text-align: center;">Bill Summary 1</p> <p>Bill #: A. _____ Sponsor: Co-Sponsors: Actions:</p> <p>Summary (Describe in a paragraph what the purpose of the bill is and what problem is it seeking to solve):</p>	<p><u>Follow-up questions:</u> 1. Where in the Legislative Process is this bill currently? 2. What steps does it still have to take to become a law in New York State?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bill Summary 2</p> <p>Bill #: A. _____ Sponsor: Co-Sponsors: Actions:</p> <p>Summary (Describe in a paragraph what the purpose of the bill is and what problem is it seeking to solve):</p>	<p><u>Follow-up questions:</u> 1. Where in the Legislative Process is this bill currently? 2. What steps does it still have to take to become a law in New York State?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bill Summary 3</p> <p>Bill #: A. _____ Sponsor: Co-Sponsors: Actions:</p> <p>Summary (Describe in a paragraph what the purpose of the bill is and what problem is it seeking to solve):</p>	<p><u>Follow-up questions:</u> 1. Where in the Legislative Process is this bill currently? 2. What steps does it still have to take to become a law in New York State?</p>

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Committee's Choice

Bill Summary

Bill #: A. _____

Sponsor:

Co-Sponsors:

Actions:

Summary (Describe in a paragraph what the purpose of the bill is and what problem is it seeking to solve):

Reason why it was chosen by the Committee: