**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

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| Issue (problem) you would like fixed at School | Your Solution to this Issue or Problem would be? |
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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:

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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.

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| **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/>

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| **Bill Summary 1**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):  | Follow-up questions: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? |
| **Bill Summary 2**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):  | Follow-up questions: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? |
| **Bill Summary 3**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):  | Follow-up questions: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? |

**Committee’s Choice**

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| **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: |