

Corrections1, February 13, 2025

*Corrections officers
injured in ‘chaos’ at
N.Y. prison as
inmates take over dorms*

Corrections1, March 10, 2025

*N.Y. fires over
2,000 corrections officers
as prison strike ends
after 22 days*

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A Special Report from



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PROTECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT US

*Assemblyman DiPietro’s
Plan to Protect
Prison Staff and
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RESTORE SAFETY IN OUR PRISONS

THE PROBLEM:

THE HALT ACT SEVERELY LIMITS SEGREGATED CONFINEMENT, TAKING AWAY A KEY TOOL USED TO MANAGE DANGEROUS, VIOLENT INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.

RISING VIOLENCE IN PRISONS:

- 169% INCREASE IN INCARCERATED-INDIVIDUAL-ON- INCARCERATED-INDIVIDUAL ASSAULTS
- 76% INCREASE IN INCARCERATED-INDIVIDUAL-ON-STAFF ASSAULTS

All since HALT became law.¹

WHO'S PAYING THE PRICE:

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ARE LEFT DEFENSELESS, CREATING DANGEROUS CONDITIONS FOR BOTH STAFF AND INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.²

HALT REPEALER (A.3217):

WOULD RESTORE BALANCE AND GIVE OFFICERS THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND OTHER INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.

WE CANNOT LEAVE PRISON STAFF BEHIND!



LOOMING PRISON CLOSURES:

David voted NOT⁴ to allow the Governor the power to close New York prisons on an expedited 90 day basis, bypassing the standard one-year notice requirement.



HEAVY-HANDED EXECUTIVE ORDERS:

The Governor signed an Executive Order⁵ barring corrections officers who participated in statewide walk-outs from being hired for state jobs, preventing them from being employed as police or peace officers in state and local jurisdictions.



STAFF SHORTAGES:

Despite chronic understaffing, the Governor terminated approximately 2,000 officers⁶ opting instead to deploy the National Guard and implement the early release of incarcerated individuals.

1. <https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2025/02/24/assembly-republicans-renew-push-to-repeal-halt-act-amid-prison-safety-crisis/>
2. <https://www.timesunion.com/capitol/article/correction-officers-union-says-prison-conditions-20259114.php>
3. <https://www.wnnytv.com/2025/01/27/upstate-cos-nurses-stricken-again/>
4. Chapter 55 of the Laws of New York State 2025
5. <https://www.mynbc5.com/article/new-york-hochul-executive-order-prison-strike/64145838>
6. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/news/2025/04/01/staffing-shortages-cause-early-release>
7. https://doccs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/06/prison-violence-task-force-report_june-2023_final.pdf (pg. 22)
8. https://doccs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/03/annual-ui-report-2021-final_1.pdf (pg. 3)

MANDATE BODY SCANNER USE FOR ALL VISITORS

ILLCIT DRUGS SMUGGLED INTO STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES BY VISITORS AND INMATES ENDANGER STAFF AND INMATES, AS SEEN IN A JANUARY 2025 INCIDENT AT AN UPSTATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WHERE 20 EMPLOYEES NEEDED MEDICAL ATTENTION DUE TO DRUG EXPOSURE.³ (A.5888)

ESTABLISH A CONTRABAND SCREENING PLAN

CONTRABAND SMUGGLED INTO NEW YORK CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES FUELS VIOLENCE, LEADING TO A 79% INCREASE IN CONTRABAND INCIDENTS (2012-2021) AND A 118% RISE IN ASSAULTS ON STAFF. (A.6258)^{7,8}