

RESOLUTION NO. 50

ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS

Introduced: 2/12/07

By Ms. Benedict:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Children, Youth and Families, the Department of Probation, and the Department of Social Services have the responsibility to house women, children, and families in need of assistance as well as convicted sex offenders, and

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of this Honorable Body that multiple convicted sex offenders are housed in the same complexes with families, women and children as well as near residential neighborhoods, schools, churches, and recreation areas frequented by children, and

WHEREAS, Albany County should review its placement procedures for the housing of sex offenders so that the majority of these offenders are not housed in one particular neighborhood and/or municipality, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature convene a special committee consisting of the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, a representative from the towns, city and villages in Albany County, and a representative from the Albany County Executive Office, to review current guidelines and recommend new guidelines for the placement of convicted sex offenders, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this special committee be co-chaired by both the Majority and Minority leaders, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the first meeting of this special committee convene within thirty days of the approval of this resolution, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County, Town, City and Village Officials.

Referred to Law Committee. 2/12/07