

**CRITERIA for Rubric System of Ranking of Bills  
TO BE RANKED BY COMMITTEE DELEGATETS**

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**Criteria 1 – Communication of Purpose**

- 5 points: All 5 topics (Purpose, Summary of Provisions, Justification, Fiscal Implications, and Effective Date) are written in the bill each with a clearly distinguished justification or provision of each topic. All topics are clearly organized and written correctly in the proper bill format with miniscule or no errors. There are also little to no spelling or grammatical errors
- 4 points: All 5 topics (Purpose, Summary of Provisions, Justification, Fiscal Implications, and Effective Date) are written in the bill with a clearly understood provision or justification of each topic. However there may be little or some disorganization in writing the topics in the correct format, with a few errors. There may also be various spelling or grammatical mistakes.
- 3 points: There may be one topic missing from the bill. The bill may be written in the improper format with topics out of place or order. The bill also has disorganized errors as well as various spelling or grammatical errors.
- 2 points: There may be 1 or 2 topics missing from the bill with little description for each topic. The bill is in improper format with disorganization and errors evident, while there are multiple spelling errors.
- 1 point: There may be multiple topics missing or with little to no description or justification for each topic while format be completely out of place or disorganized.

**Criteria 2 – Evidence of Preparation**

- 5 points: Bill sponsors are able to provide a necessary and informative answer to all technical questions demonstrating an extreme depth of knowledge on all aspects of the topic. Authors present the bill with clear organization and with an understandable or intriguing demeanor and behavior that quickly engages the other delegates in debate and discussion.
- 4 points: The Bill sponsors are able to provide a necessary or informative answer to almost all technical questions. The Authors present the bill with organization and an intriguing demeanor and an attention grabbing behavior that engages the other delegates.
- 3 points: The bill sponsors are able to provide solid answers to almost all questions with some error or hesitation with some difficulty. The bill sponsors present with a demeanor or behavior that may be intriguing to the other delegates but may not be to other delegates.
- 2 points: The sponsors aren't able to provide an informative answer to all technical questions or do so with difficulty or hesitation. The authors may present difficulty speaking to a public in order to get their knowledge of the topic across due to inability or absence of knowledge of the topic.
- 1 point: Authors clearly do not have a necessary knowledge of the topic and aren't able to present with an intriguing demeanor. Technical questions may not be answered or presented as well as opening remarks or closing summations.

**Criteria 3 – Importance to the State**

- 5 points: Bill topic or issue explained is extraordinarily essential in connection to the current issues New York Faces in the present day and must be presented and debated upon to bring about the most positive change in the state.
- 4 points: Bill topic or issue explained is essential but other issues the New York has may surpass the specific the importance of the concern of the bill.
- 3 point: Bill topic would be beneficial to New York State at the time, but is not that essential to bring about the most change in the state government.
- 2 points: The Bill topic is not that important but is still a concern of the people in NYS and will bring about some change in the NYS government.
- 1 point: Bill topic is not related to current issues facing NYS and is irrelevant to the importance of NYS and the change within the current status of the state.

**Criteria 4– Feasibility**

- 5 points: The bill topic will be extremely able to be enforced or carried out once passed. Its ability to pass and to be executed is undeniably unproblematic.
- 4 points: The bill topic will be able to be enforced and carried out but there may be minimal possibilities of difficulty to pass or be executed in the future.
- 3 points: The bill might have the ability to pass but there may be various difficulties to enforce its purpose upon its passage in the future.
- 2 points: The bill does not have the ability to pass or to be enforced due to some complications or difficulties from the possible turnout of the bills implications.
- 1 point: The bill topic would be extremely difficult to carry out and to enforce to make its concern for the state in the future and would not work.

**Criteria 5 – Debatability**

- 5 points: The bill topic sparked incredible debate where motions were carried out to extend debate or to continue discussion. There were no moments where not a placard was raised. The issue addressed can clearly relate to both opposing positions on the issue of the bill. There are an equal number of different standpoints on the issue addressed.
- 4 points: The bill topic has active, engaged debate from members of the Committee, with many volunteers to speak on both sides. The issue addressed can clearly relate to multiple opposing positions on the issue of the bill.
- 3 points: The bill topic has little debate due to the weighted standpoints of on the issue. The bill may only address a certain aspect of the law which may either hinder the people to entirely agree with the bill or entirely disagree resulting in a weighted standpoint debate.
- 2 point: The bill topic has little to no debate due to the weighted standpoints of on the issue. The bill may only address a certain aspect of the law which may either hinder the people to entirely agree with the bill or entirely disagree resulting in a weighted standpoint debate. Chairs had to encourage debate
- 1 points: The bill topic is not debatable at all and should either be instantly passed, or instantly failed depending on the consensus of the legislative chamber due to the issue that may be addressed. Or the topic may not hinder debate for any reason pertaining to importance, presentation, or feasibility.

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**Ranking of Bills**

Bill Number: \_\_\_\_\_

After the Bill Sponsor’s presentation in Committees, Please rank this Bill according to the following:

- Ranking is on a scale from 1-5 for each category (1= bad, 3= good/average, 5= excellent).
- Each Bill Group will receive ONE ranking sheet.
- Bill sponsors will NOT rank their own bill.
- Refer to the *Bill Ranking Rubric* for details on each criteria

Criteria	Score
Communication of Purpose	(1-5)
Evidence of Preparation	(1-5)
Importance to the State	(1-5)
Feasibility	(1-5)
Debatability	(1-5)

**TOTAL SCORE (5-25): (Total Here)**