

# Carey gives \$8 million to prison, cuts education, ferries, Willowbrook

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ALBANY — Gov. Carey yesterday proposed a substantial hike in the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility's budget for the 1977-78 fiscal year, asserting that funds allocated in the current year were "not sufficient" to run the 850-inmate prison.

Carey, in his recommended \$11,345-million budget, proposed that the Correctional Prison be given \$8,002,100 to fund its operations during the fiscal

year beginning April 1, up sharply from the \$2.6 million the facility was originally given last year.

At the same time, the governor proposed cutting expenditures at the Willowbrook Developmental Center by nearly \$3 million, while asking the Legislature to approve an additional \$519,000 for the South Beach Psychiatric Center.

Carey also called for a \$334,000 budget cut for the College of Staten Island's upper division, the elimination of \$150,000 for educational programs at the

Richmondtown Restoration and the High Rock Nature Conservation Center, and the renewal of a \$1.5-million operating subsidy for the Staten Island Ferry.

State budget officials said they believe the more than \$8 million earmarked for the Arthur Kill prison will be enough to fund the facility — a former state-run drug treatment center — for a full year.

The facility, opened after the start of the current fiscal year as part of an effort to reduce overcrowding at other state prisons, received an initial grant

of \$2808,000. When that proved to be inadequate, the Department of Correctional Services had to transfer about \$3 million from other prisons to cover operations at Arthur Kill, a budget official said.

Carey earlier this month sought another \$2.8 million for the prison in the state's deficiency budget, bringing its total allocation for the current year to about \$7.5 million.

Aides to state Budget Director Peter C. Goldmark Jr. explained that the pris-

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