

# South Beach to lose as Albany counts \$\$

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ALBANY — Here's how Staten Island facilities and programs would fare under the state budget proposed yesterday:

● Staten Island Developmental Center — No specific allocation was available yesterday. But the center is expected to lose 333 full-time positions as its residential census declines from 778 to 619 in the new fiscal year, beginning April 1. While its institutional staff declines, the Willowbrook center's community placement staff is slated to gain 65 slots — for a total of 150.

● South Beach Psychiatric Center — No specific budget proposal available. But the center is expected to share in an overall reduction in the state Office of Mental Health of 2,439 positions. "We won't know the effect on South Beach until the new commissioner (yet to be named by

Gov. Cuomo) comes up with a plan to reduce his workforce," said a state budget official.

● Staten Island Ferry — \$10.9 million, an increase of \$2.9 million over 1982-83. Much of the increase reflects funding provided to the ferry system by a franchise tax approved last month to aid mass transit systems in the state.

● College of Staten Island — \$24.1 million, representing a cut of \$4,400 from the current fiscal year, according to the budget. College President Edmond Volpe says he does not anticipate any major cuts in programs or staff under the proposal. But CSI students, as well as students in other City University schools, would be required to pay an additional \$150 in tuition.

● Arthur Kill Correctional Fa-

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cility in Charleston — \$13.2 million, an increase of \$948,648 for the 810-inmate medium-security prison.

● Institute for Basic Research Research in Developmental Disabilities, Willowbrook — \$8.4 million, enough for nine new positions to upgrade the facilities clinical laboratories.

● Willowbrook Review Panel — The agency, established to re-view state compliance with a

1975 consent decree mandating improved services for Staten Island Developmental Center residents, is slated to receive \$350,000. But it is unlikely that the Legislature, which cut off funding to the panel three years ago, will approve the spending request.

● Community groups — The budget recommends no funding for such Island groups as the Staten Island Cooperative Continuum of Education, Snug Harbor Cultural Center,

Richmondton Restoration, High Rock Nature Conservation Center, Staten Island Children's Museum. Many of the groups have received state funding in past years.

● Staten Island public schools — They would benefit from proposed a \$100.8 million hike in school aid to the city's Board of Education. But the proposal is given little chance of legislative approval because it would cut aid to the state's wealthier districts.