

Rural Area Flexibility Analysis (RAFA):

A rural area flexibility analysis is not required pursuant to subdivision four of section 202-bb of the State Administrative Procedure Act because the rule does not impose an adverse impact on rural areas. The proposed rule seeks only to establish the regulatory framework by which counties and the City of New York may solicit the Commission of Correction's approval for the construction, renovation and certification of specialized secure juvenile detention facilities for older youth, as required by recent "Raise the Age" legislation. Consequently, it will not impose an adverse economic impact on rural areas, nor impose any additional significant record keeping, reporting, or other compliance requirements on private or public entities in rural areas.