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Greetings --

My bill, the [Dyslexia Diagnosis Access Act \(A.2898/S.5481\)](#), was signed into law by Governor Hochul yesterday.

This legislation requires that private health insurance policies pay for neuropsychological exams for the purpose of diagnosing dyslexia. New York would be the first state in the nation to mandate this type of coverage. Most medical insurance companies do not reimburse for this, and schools typically only offer limited assessments. Neuropsychological exams are often administered over the course of two days and currently may cost more than six thousand dollars making them unaffordable to many families.

You can read about the new law in the Gothamist and in [The New York Times here.](#)

I was fortunate as a child that my family had the resources to pay for a neuropsychological exam. Being definitively diagnosed with dyslexia in 1993 changed my life and was essential to getting the educational interventions I needed. It is unjust that thirty years later there are still children whose dyslexia remains undiagnosed because their family can't afford to pay for a neuropsychological exam. I authored this bill in response to what was clearly a pressing need and having it signed into law is one of my most important accomplishments in my time in the legislature.

Since taking office in 2017, I have been working on how public policy can better meet the challenges facing children with dyslexia and their families and have heard repeatedly from parents about the strain that was put on them because of the cost of neuropsychological exams. At the public hearings of the State Task Force on Dyslexia this Fall, which was also established through my legislation, many people testified about this very issue. Not only will this legislation help thousands of families, but the cost of these assessments will be lower than the costs that result from dyslexia going undiagnosed and untreated.

This upcoming legislative session I will continue to push for the adoption of policies and programs that will ensure all children in our state get the support and interventions they need to be fluent readers. The insurance coverage mandate in the Dyslexia Diagnosis Access Act now needs to be extended to Medicaid and that will be one of my top priorities going forward.

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