

Supporting The Requirement Of Certification Or Training And Programs Targeted To Better Serve Individuals With Dyslexia

Referred to: The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Heppner, and Roberts)

Legislator Carl Belfiglio and Legislators Allen, Heppner, Litts, Lopez, Roberts, and Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Board of Directors and the Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) define dyslexia as difficulties with accurate and / or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities typically resulting from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge; and

WHEREAS, people with dyslexia often have average to superior intelligence with many gifted in math, science, fine arts, journalism, and other creative fields; and

WHEREAS, some signs associated with dyslexia include: difficulty learning to speak, trouble learning letters and their sounds, difficulty organizing written and spoken language, trouble memorizing number facts, difficulty reading quickly enough to comprehend, trouble persisting with and comprehending longer reading assignments, difficulty spelling, trouble learning a foreign language, and/or difficulty correctly doing math operations; and

WHEREAS, Dyslexia affects individuals throughout their lives; however, its impact can change at different stages in a person's life; and

WHEREAS, perhaps as many as 15–20% of the population as a whole—have some of the symptoms of dyslexia, including slow or inaccurate reading, poor spelling, poor writing, or mixing up similar words; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature supports Assembly Bill 4330-A and Senate Bill S 5439, which require the certification or training of teachers, administrators and instructors in the area of dyslexia and related disorders; and be it further

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RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature supports the empowerment of the Commissioner of Education to prescribe the necessary regulations and establish such programs and training related to the needs of children with Dyslexia or a related disorder; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature encourages efforts to recognize early detection of Dyslexia by providing licensed health and mental professionals trained in said detection to evaluate and recommend a specific Dyslexia approved program approach; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature recommends that every school district be required to provide each student with Dyslexia or a related disorder the services of a teacher or instructor trained in Dyslexia and related disorders; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to the Chair of the New York State Assembly Education Committee Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, the Chair of the New York State Senate Education Committee Senator Carl L. Marcellino, and all of the Ulster County representatives of the New York State Legislature,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Delaune, Gerentine, and Maloney)

Passed Committee: Public Health and Social Services on October 3, 2016

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 18th Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 19th Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature