



**May 22, 2023**

Greetings –

There was significant progress on my legislative priorities last week. [My bill to establish a dyslexia task force passed the full Assembly](#) and several bills that I am the prime sponsor of passed out of committee.

The “Dyslexia Task Force Act,” [A.133](#), which has also passed the State Senate, now goes to the Governor for signature. This legislation will require the New York State Education Department Commissioner to establish a task force to hold public hearings and examine appropriate and effective evidence-based screening methods, reading interventions and other educational supports for dyslexia and related disorders for students in kindergarten through grade five.

As those of you who have been following my dyslexia related work know, the bill was vetoed by the Governor last November. **I encourage you to call Governor Hochul’s Office and ask her to sign “The Dyslexia Task Force Act” so we can finally begin to meaningfully address the needs of children with dyslexia and their families.**

**You can reach Governor Hochul’s Office by calling 518-474-8390 - press 3, then 2 to speak to a live person.**

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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## **Carroll's "Dyslexia Task Force Act" passes Assembly for 2nd time** **Call Gov. Hochul TODAY and ask her to sign it**

Assemblymember Robert Carroll today announced that his legislation (A.133s/S.2599) to establish an expert statewide task force on Dyslexia passed the State Assembly & State Senate.

*This bill passed both houses of the legislature last year but was vetoed by the Governor. Don't let it happen again.*

**Call Gov. Kathy Hochul and urge her to sign this important legislation. Here's how:**

**Call the Governor's Office at 518-474-8390.**

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*Then tell them how important it is for Gov. Hochul to sign the Dyslexia Task Force Act.*

**The five bills of mine that passed out of committee are:**

- [A.4243](#) the "New York Wildlife Crossing Act" - This legislation will establish the framework for New York State to access federal funds for wildlife crossings by requiring State DOT to develop a priority list of sites along all highways, thruways and parkways. Wildlife crossings are essential in terms of habitat connectivity and therefore preserving biodiversity and a healthy ecosystem. They also prevent vehicle/wildlife collisions keeping both

humans and animals safe and preventing millions in property damage and medical and emergency assistance costs.

- [A.6113](#) “Tax Benefits for Solar and Energy Storage Systems” - This legislation renews the property tax benefits for solar and energy storage projects for residential and commercial properties in New York City. It makes the benefits more compatible with Federal programs and allows the benefits for both solar and energy storage projects to be used in conjunction.
- [A.1967](#) “Flood Right to Know for Home Buyers” - This legislation will help home buyers by ensuring that they have the information they need about flooding to make the choices they need to protect their homes.
- [A.3499](#) “Regulating Auto-Broker Businesses” – This pro-labor legislation professionalizes the auto-broker industry through enhanced registration and disclosure requirements, penalties, and enforcement provisions. It will protect car buyers from deceptive practices and establishes clear rules for those who want to practice auto-brokering responsibly also helping to protect good paying union jobs in the auto dealer industry.
- [A.1480](#) “Protecting Individuals from Unfair Credit Rating Practices” - This legislation prohibits consumer reporting agencies and lenders from using an individual's late payment of cashless tolls to determine their credit.

Another bill of mine, [A.2898/S5481](#) - The Dyslexia Diagnosis Access Act, is on the Insurance Committee agenda on Wednesday and would mandate that private health insurance policies pay for neuropsychological exams for the purpose of diagnosing dyslexia. Students are unlikely to receive the intervention required to overcome dyslexia without a positive diagnosis and comprehensive neuropsychological exams are recognized as the most effective way to positively diagnose dyslexia. However, such exams currently may cost in excess of six thousand dollars and are typically not paid for by health insurance, making them unaffordable to many families.

### **Lefferts Historic House Renovation**

On Friday I joined the Prospect Park Alliance to celebrate the ribbon cutting for the renovation of the Lefferts Historic House in Prospect Park. I am proud to have presented a \$500,000 ceremonial check to Morgan Monaco, the President of the

Alliance to help finalize the project. The “Reimagine Lefferts” initiative will re-  
envision the mission and programming of the **Lefferts Historic House** museum to  
focus its interpretation and programming on exploring the lives, resistance and  
resilience of the Indigenous people of Lenapehoking, whose unceded ancestral  
lands the park and house rests upon, and the Africans enslaved by the Lefferts  
family. This telling of the full story of the Lefferts House will have a powerful impact  
on current visitors and future generations and I encourage all to check it out.



## **Free Flood Barriers and Rain Barrel Sign Up**

In response to reports of flooding in my district, my office received 6 and 12 foot [flood barriers from DEP](#). Stop by the office and pick up one or two for your basement doors or other trouble spots prone to flooding.

As in years past, I am working with DEP to distribute free rain barrels. This year, the supply is delayed and we won't be able to distribute them until June or July. We will let you know as soon as they are available, but in the meantime, get your name on the list so you will have one [reserved when they do arrive](#).

If you have any concerns about these or any other legislative or community matter please email me at [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov) or call (718) 788-7221.

-Bobby

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