



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Governor Signs Marcellino Bills to Ease Transition for Students with Disabilities after High School and Remove Paperwork Burden from Schools

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Senator Carl L. Marcellino (R, C – Syosset) announces his legislation that improves the transition for students with disabilities between high school and adult services was signed into law (Chapter 428) by the Governor. The new law took effect on November 29, 2017.

“This legislation will make sure students with disabilities seamlessly transfer from high school to appropriate social services,” said Marcellino. “We need to ensure that our students

are given the appropriate services when they leave high school.

This law would allow representatives from the Office of Mental Health, Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, or the Department of Education to participate in the annual review meeting. This will improve the provision of proper transitional services to students who are aging out of the educational system and into the adult social services system.

The Governor also signed into law Senator Marcellino's legislation that removes the need to apply to the State Department of Education to evaluate preschool students (Chapter 429). The new law took effect on November 29, 2017.

"This legislation will save time and money for our School Districts," said Marcellino. "If a school has a properly certified staff, there should be no need to apply to the Department of Education."

This law would remove the requirement for School Districts to apply to the Department of Education to evaluate preschool students. The law ensures that the evaluators are appropriately licensed or certified.