



DISABILITY RIGHTS COMMUNITY 2019 LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

Over the past several years, New York State has advanced a number of initiatives intended to promote the independence and inclusion of people with disabilities. From the Olmstead Report, to the Employment First Initiative, and most recently, the ABLE Initiative, the disability community has supported and applauded the goals and intent of these initiatives. Yet, we have seen little advancement through legislation and financial investments to make the goals of these initiatives a reality. Now more than ever, with dramatic policy changes being advanced at the Federal level, it is imperative that New York follows through on its promises to our community and enact laws to protect the civil rights and programs that allow people with disabilities to live independent, integrated lives in their communities. The New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL) represents Independent Living Centers (ILCs) and the more than 100,000 New Yorkers with disabilities they serve. NYAIL will be grading the State on whether the following proposals are addressed in the 2019 legislative session:



HOUSING

FINAL GRADE: _____

Make a person's lawful source of income a protected class in NYS Human Rights Law.	
Assembly:	A.10077 (Mosley) of 2018
Senate:	S.8606 (Parker) of 2018
Governor:	

EMPLOYMENT

FINAL GRADE: _____

Prohibit the practice of paying people with disabilities below the minimum wage in New York State.	
Assembly:	A.11290 (Skoufis) of 2018
Senate:	
Governor:	

Waive the State's sovereign immunity to claims under the ADA and Section 504.	
Assembly:	A.2546 (Lifton) of 2018
Senate:	S.1522 (Avella) of 2018
Governor:	



GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

FINAL GRADE: _____

Provide a necessary voice for people with disabilities in state government by reactivating the duties of the State Office for the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities.	
Assembly:	A.10706 (Skoufis) of 2018
Senate:	
Governor:	

Pass critical voting reforms including early voting, automatic voter registration and same day voter registration to make it easier for people with disabilities to vote.	
Assembly:	
Senate:	
Governor:	

TRANSPORTATION

FINAL GRADE: _____

Require taxis, limousines, and Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) to provide an equivalent level of accessible service to wheelchair and other mobility-impaired users, comparable to the level of service they offer other passengers.	
Assembly:	
Senate:	
Governor:	

Expand paratransit beyond ADA minimums, including ensuring riders can connect to other paratransit services between counties.	
Assembly:	
Senate:	
Governor:	

LEGAL REFORM

FINAL GRADE: _____

Increase statute of limitations for child victims of sexual abuse by passing the Child Victims Act	
Assembly:	A.5885 (Rosenthal) of 2018
Senate:	S.6575 (Hoylman) of 2018
Governor:	