# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

November 16, 2026

Introduced by Sen. CHAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring certain testing for school aides, paraprofessionals and teaching assistants

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:**

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Katie's law".

§ 2. The education law is a amended by adding a new section 3037-a to read as follows:

**§ 3037-a. Required testing for certain teaching positions. In a city school district located in a city with a population of one million or more every school aide, paraprofessional and teaching assistant shall undergo a comprehensive pre-employment psychological screening as a requirement for employment. Such evaluation shall be conducted by qualified licensed psychologists using professionally accepted assessment methods, with appropriate protections for an applicants' privacy, civil rights and rights under state discrimination laws.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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