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## **PANEL OK'S ALBANO/MILAM BILL PROMOTING BEST PRACTICES IN TEACHING STUDENTS WITH READING DISABILITIES**

(TRENTON) – Legislation Assemblymen Nelson Albano and Matt Milam sponsored to promote best practices for teaching students with reading disabilities and difficulties with language skills was released today by the Assembly Education Committee.

“Having the ability to read is vital to succeeding in school and getting a good job,” said Albano. “We need to redouble our efforts to ensure that every child is able to read and to overcome difficulties that can lessen their future prospects for success.”

The Albano/Milam bill (A-880) would create the New Jersey Reading Disabilities Task Force to study best practices for diagnosing, treating and educating students with reading disabilities. The task force also would examine how state educational laws and regulations impact students with special reading and language skill needs.

About 85 percent of students in special education classrooms are language- or reading-deficient. Many students also do not receive proper training to overcome their deficiency. The task force’s overarching goal would be to identify new practices and strategies to provide greater educational benefits to special needs students.

“Special education teachers need the full support of state leaders who recognize the need for every classroom to implement the best and most successful practices,” said Milam. “Ensuring that every student has access to the tools they need to be successful in the classroom will increase the likelihood that they will become successful, contributing adults.”

The bill was released by a 12-0 vote and now heads to the Assembly Speaker, who decides if and when to post it for a floor vote.