

According to the Harvard School of Public Health, the average societal cost of caring for **1** person with autism is **\$3.2 million** over their lifespan.



Now, 4 quarters will change that.

Autism Speaks offers our sincere thanks to the **Louisiana Legislature and Governor Jindal** for the passage of **HB 958**.

We would like to especially thank **Representative Franklin Foil of Baton Rouge** for sponsoring **HB 958**, along with co-authors **Representative Patrick Williams of Shreveport** and **Senator Don Cravins of Opelousas**. Their tremendous support and leadership allowed this insurance reform bill to pass through both the House and Senate unanimously.



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HB 958 provides children with autism in the State of Louisiana with the medically necessary healthcare coverage they need, dramatically reducing the long-term cost of their care to society.

On Wednesday, July 2, 2008, **Governor Bobby Jindal** officially signed **HB 958** into law making Louisiana the seventh state in the Nation to end insurance discrimination for children with autism.

Thank you for listening.

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