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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to dyslexia screening and testing, the employment of  
3 dyslexia specialists by regional education service centers, and the  
4 development by the Texas Education Agency of a list of training  
5 opportunities for educators regarding dyslexia.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 8, Education Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 8.061 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 8.061. DYSLEXIA SPECIALIST. Each regional education  
10 service center shall employ as a dyslexia specialist a person  
11 licensed as a dyslexia therapist under Chapter 403, Occupations  
12 Code, to provide school districts served by the center with support  
13 and resources that are necessary to assist students with dyslexia  
14 and the families of students with dyslexia.

15 SECTION 2. Sections 38.003(a) and (b-1), Education Code,  
16 are amended to read as follows:

17 (a) Students enrolling in public schools in this state shall  
18 be screened or tested, as appropriate, for dyslexia and related  
19 disorders at appropriate times in accordance with a program  
20 approved by the State Board of Education. The program must include  
21 screening at the end of the school year of each student in  
22 kindergarten and each student in the first grade.

23 (b-1) Unless otherwise provided by law, a student  
24 determined to have dyslexia during screening or testing under

1 Subsection (a) or accommodated because of dyslexia may not be  
2 rescreened or retested for dyslexia for the purpose of reassessing  
3 the student's need for accommodations until the district  
4 reevaluates the information obtained from previous screening or  
5 testing of the student.

6 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 38.0032 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 38.0032. DYSLEXIA TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. (a) The  
9 agency shall annually develop a list of training opportunities  
10 regarding dyslexia that satisfy the requirements of Section  
11 21.054(b). The list of training opportunities must include at  
12 least one opportunity that is available online.

13 (b) A training opportunity included in the list developed  
14 under Subsection (a) must:

15 (1) comply with the knowledge and practice standards  
16 of an international organization on dyslexia; and

17 (2) enable an educator to:

18 (A) understand and recognize dyslexia; and

19 (B) implement instruction that is systematic,  
20 explicit, and evidence-based to meet the educational needs of a  
21 student with dyslexia.

22 SECTION 4. Section 38.003, Education Code, as amended by  
23 this Act, applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.