

1-1 By: Miller, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 1886
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2017;
 1-3 May 15, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 22, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 1; May 22, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Hall			X	
1-12 Huffines		X		
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Seliger	X			
1-15 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-16 Uresti	X			
1-17 West			X	

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to dyslexia screening and testing, the employment of
 1-22 dyslexia specialists by regional education service centers, and the
 1-23 development by the Texas Education Agency of a list of training
 1-24 opportunities for educators regarding dyslexia.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 8, Education Code, is
 1-27 amended by adding Section 8.061 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 8.061. DYSLEXIA SPECIALIST. Each regional education
 1-29 service center shall employ as a dyslexia specialist a person
 1-30 licensed as a dyslexia therapist under Chapter 403, Occupations
 1-31 Code, to provide school districts served by the center with support
 1-32 and resources that are necessary to assist students with dyslexia
 1-33 and the families of students with dyslexia.

1-34 SECTION 2. Sections 38.003(a) and (b-1), Education Code,
 1-35 are amended to read as follows:

1-36 (a) Students enrolling in public schools in this state shall
 1-37 be screened or tested, as appropriate, for dyslexia and related
 1-38 disorders at appropriate times in accordance with a program
 1-39 approved by the State Board of Education. The program must include
 1-40 screening at the end of the school year of each student in
 1-41 kindergarten and each student in the first grade.

1-42 (b-1) Unless otherwise provided by law, a student
 1-43 determined to have dyslexia during screening or testing under
 1-44 Subsection (a) or accommodated because of dyslexia may not be
 1-45 rescreened or retested for dyslexia for the purpose of reassessing
 1-46 the student's need for accommodations until the district
 1-47 reevaluates the information obtained from previous screening or
 1-48 testing of the student.

1-49 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
 1-50 amended by adding Section 38.0032 to read as follows:

1-51 Sec. 38.0032. DYSLEXIA TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. (a) The
 1-52 agency shall annually develop a list of training opportunities
 1-53 regarding dyslexia that satisfy the requirements of Section
 1-54 21.054(b). The list of training opportunities must include at
 1-55 least one opportunity that is available online.

1-56 (b) A training opportunity included in the list developed
 1-57 under Subsection (a) must:

1-58 (1) comply with the knowledge and practice standards
 1-59 of an international organization on dyslexia; and

1-60 (2) enable an educator to:

1-61 (A) understand and recognize dyslexia; and

2-1 (B) implement instruction that is systematic,
2-2 explicit, and evidence-based to meet the educational needs of a
2-3 student with dyslexia.

2-4 SECTION 4. Section 38.003, Education Code, as amended by
2-5 this Act, applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

2-6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-10 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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