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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-41-603(c)(2)(A), concerning required*
24 *dyslexia screening and intervention, is amended to read as follows:*

25 *(2)(A)(i) If the level II dyslexia screening conducted by the*
26 *school district indicates that a student exhibits characteristics of*
27 *dyslexia, the student shall be provided intervention services.*

28 *(ii) The level II dyslexia screening shall be*
29 *completed consistent with the Arkansas Dyslexia Resource Guide.*

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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-41-606 is amended to read as follows:

32 6-41-606. Reporting by school district.

33 (a) The superintendent of a school district annually shall report the
34 results of the school district screening required under § 6-41-603.

35 (b) Before July 15, a public school district shall report on the
36 website of the public school district or in writing to the parents of each



1 student in the public school district the following information:

2 (1) The dyslexia intervention programs used during the previous
3 school year that were specifically responsive to assisting students with
4 dyslexia;

5 (2) The number of students during the previous school year who
6 received dyslexia intervention under this subchapter; and

7 (3) The total number of students identified with dyslexia during
8 the previous school year.

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10 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 41, Subchapter 6, is amended
11 to add an additional section to read as follows:

12 6-41-611. Enforcement – Rules.

13 (a)(1) A public school district that fails to comply with this
14 subchapter:

15 (A) Shall be in violation of the Standards for
16 Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts; and

17 (B) May be placed in probationary status.

18 (2) A public school district placed on probationary status under
19 subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall report the reason for being placed
20 on probationary status:

21 (A) On the website of the public school district; and

22 (B) By written notification to the parents of each student
23 in the public school district.

24 (b) The Department of Education:

25 (1) Shall enforce the requirements of this subchapter; and

26 (2) May promulgate rules to enforce and implement this
27 subchapter.

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29 /s/Elliott

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32 APPROVED: 04/06/2017