

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: S3/2/09

A Bill

SENATE BILL 358

5 By: Senator G. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR A
10 STUDENT WHO HAS DIFFICULTY WITH SENSORY
11 PROCESSING IN REACTION TO OVERSENSITIVITY TO FULL
12 SPECTRUM LIGHT WHEN TAKING STATE REQUIRED TESTS;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO ALLOW REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR A
16 STUDENT WHO HAS DIFFICULTY WITH SENSORY
17 PROCESSING WHEN TAKING STATE REQUIRED
18 TESTS.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 41, Subchapter 4 is amended
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 6-41-407. Accommodation for students with sensory processing
27 difficulty.

28 When administering a state mandated assessment or a state mandated
29 test, the Department of Education and each school district shall allow a
30 student that has been evaluated through appropriate testing, including a
31 comprehensive eye examination by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist, and
32 identified as having difficulty with sensory processing in reaction to
33 oversensitivity to full spectrum light to use color overlays specific to the
34 student's oversensitivity that alter the contrast between the words and the
35 page so that the student can visually comprehend the words on a page of a
36 state mandated assessment or a state mandated test.



/s/ G. Jeffress

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