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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 708

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING AND
INTERVENTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 708

Amend Senate Bill No. 708 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Branscum as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-41-603(a), concerning required dyslexia screening and intervention, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(4) By November 15 of each school year, a school district shall complete the:

(A) Dyslexia screening of each student in kindergarten through grade two (K-2) under subdivision (a)(1) of this section; and

(B) Level I dyslexia screening under subdivision (a)(3) of this section.

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

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

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

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-41-606 is amended to read as follows:
6-41-606. Reporting by school district.

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

(b) By March 15, a public school district shall report on the website of the public school district or in writing to the parents of each student in the public school district the following information:

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



dyslexia;

(2) The dyslexia intervention programs being used during the current school year that are specifically responsive to assisting students with dyslexia;

(3) The names of the dyslexia interventionists being used during the current school year and where each dyslexia interventionist received his or her training for the requirements of this subchapter;

(4) The number of students during the previous school year who received dyslexia intervention under this subchapter based on the results of the dyslexia screening of each student in kindergarten through grade two (K-2), the level I dyslexia screening, and the level II dyslexia screening under § 6-41-603;

(5) The number of students during the current school year who are receiving dyslexia intervention under this subchapter based on the results of the dyslexia screening of each student in kindergarten through grade two (K-2), the level I dyslexia screening, and the level II dyslexia screening under § 6-41-603;

(6) The total number of students identified with dyslexia during the previous school year; and

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

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 41, Subchapter 6, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-41-611. Enforcement – Rules.

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

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

(B) May be placed in probationary status.

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

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

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

(b) The Department of Education:

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

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

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Senator Elliott
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