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5	By: Senator Elliott	
6	By: Representative Branscum	
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE	
10	CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING AND INTERVENTION IN	
11	PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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14	Subtitle	
15	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CO	ODE
16	CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING AND	
17	INTERVENTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR	
18	OTHER PURPOSES.	
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	ARKANSAS:
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23	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-41-603(a), concerns	ing required dyslexia
24	screening and intervention, is amended to add an additi	ional subdivision to
25	read as follows:	
26	(4) By November 15 of each school year, a	school district shall
27	<pre>complete the:</pre>	
28	(A) Dyslexia screening of each stude	<u>ent in kindergarten</u>
29	through grade two (K-2) under subdivision (a)(1) of the	is section; and
30	(B) Level I dyslexia screening under	r subdivision (a)(3) of
31	this section.	
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33	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-41-603(c)(2)(A), co	oncerning required
34	dyslexia screening and intervention, is amended to read	d as follows:
35	(2)(A) $\underline{(i)}$ If the level II dyslexia screening conducted by the	
36	school district indicates that a student exhibits characteristics of	

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1	dyslexia, the student shall be provided intervention services.	
2	(ii) The level II dyslexia screening shall be	
3	completed consistent with the Arkansas Dyslexia Resource Guide.	
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5	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-41-606 is amended to read as follows:	
6	6-41-606. Reporting by school district.	
7	(a) The superintendent of a school district annually shall report the	
8	results of the school district screening required under § 6-41-603.	
9	(b) By March 15, a public school district shall report on the website	
10	of the public school district or in writing to the parents of each student in	
11	the public school district the following information:	
12	(1) The dyslexia intervention programs used during the previous	
13	school year that were specifically responsive to assisting students with	
14	<u>dyslexia;</u>	
15	(2) The dyslexia intervention programs being used during the	
16	current school year that are specifically responsive to assisting students	
17	with dyslexia;	
18	(3) The names of the dyslexia interventionists being used during	
19	the current school year and where each dyslexia interventionist received his	
20	or her training for the requirements of this subchapter;	
21	(4) The number of students during the previous school year who	
22	received dyslexia intervention under this subchapter based on the results of	
23	the dyslexia screening of each student in kindergarten through grade two (K-	
24	2), the level I dyslexia screening, and the level II dyslexia screening under	
25	§ 6-41-603;	
26	(5) The number of students during the current school year who	
27	are receiving dyslexia intervention under this subchapter based on the	
28	results of the dyslexia screening of each student in kindergarten through	
29	grade two (K-2), the level I dyslexia screening, and the level II dyslexia	
30	screening under § 6-41-603;	
31	(6) The total number of students identified with dyslexia during	
32	the previous school year; and	
33	(7) The total number of students identified with dyslexia during	
34	the current school year.	
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1	SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 41, Subchapter 6, is amended		
2	to add an additional section to read as follows:		
3	6-41-611. Enforcement - Rules.		
4	(a)(1) A public school district that fails to comply with this		
5	subchapter:		
6	(A) Shall be in violation of the Standards for		
7	Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts; and		
8	(B) May be placed in probationary status.		
9	(2) A public school district placed on probationary status under		
10	subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall report the reason for being placed		
11	on probationary status:		
12	(A) On the website of the public school district; and		
13	(B) By written notification to the parents of each student		
14	in the public school district.		
15	(b) The Department of Education:		
16	(1) Shall enforce the requirements of this subchapter; and		
17	(2) May promulgate rules to enforce and implement this		
18	<u>subchapter.</u>		
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20	/s/Elliott		
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