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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 708

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## 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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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(a), concerning required dyslexia*  
24 *screening and intervention, is amended to add an additional subdivision to*  
25 *read as follows:*

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

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

30 *(B) Level I dyslexia screening under subdivision (a)(3) of*  
31 *this section.*  
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33 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-41-603(c)(2)(A), concerning required*  
34 *dyslexia screening and intervention, is amended to read as follows:*

35 *(2)(A)(i) If the level II dyslexia screening conducted by the*  
36 *school district indicates that a student exhibits characteristics of*



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 *dyslexia;*

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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