

SENATE BILL No. 75

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to dyslexia screening.

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3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

4 Section 1. (a) The state board of education shall adopt rules and
5 regulations to ensure that students enrolled in public schools are screened
6 or tested to identify those students with reading disabilities, including, but
7 not limited to, dyslexia. The state board of education shall also:

8 (1) Review partnerships with early childhood education providers to
9 see that reading diagnostic assessments used in pre-kindergarten and
10 kindergarten levels and grades one and two will ensure that reading
11 disabilities, including, but not limited to, dyslexia are identified and
12 analyzed;

13 (2) review the level and pace of implementation of the best practices
14 of instruction including, but not limited to, the multi-tier system of
15 support in school districts to ensure that reading disabilities, including,
16 but not limited to, dyslexia are identified and analyzed;

17 (3) review teacher preparation courses to ensure that knowledge of
18 the best practices of instruction including, but not limited to, the multi-
19 tier system of support and scientifically-based reading instructional
20 components used to instruct children with disabilities, including, but not
21 limited to, dyslexia, is addressed.

22 (b) The state board of education shall make the following
23 information readily available to parents and legal guardians of students
24 enrolled in public schools in a form and manner that is easily accessible
25 by such parent or legal guardian:

26 (1) The appropriate interventions and the appropriate pace of
27 interventions recommended by the multi-tier system of support; and

28 (2) contact information of school building administrators, school
29 district administrators and the department of education.

30 (c) The state board of education shall prepare and submit a report to
31 the legislature on or before January 14, 2012, on the activities of the state
32 board of education to implement the requirements set forth in this section
33 and the progress achieved in implementing such requirements.

34 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
35 publication in the statute book.

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