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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the management of dyslexia and related disorders in public schools.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 167.950, to read as follows:

**167.950. 1. Each public school shall screen each student for dyslexia and related disorders at least once between when the student begins kindergarten and before the student begins third grade at appropriate times in accordance with rules promulgated by the state board of education. Each public school may also screen a student who is suspected of having dyslexia or a related disorder. Each public school shall also screen each student at or above the third grade level who enrolls in the school for the first time and has not previously been screened for dyslexia and related disorders.**

**2. The school board of each district and the governing board of each charter school shall provide for the treatment of any student determined to have dyslexia or a related disorder.**

**3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

**(1) "Dyslexia", a disorder of constitutional origin manifested by a difficulty in learning to read, write, or spell, despite conventional instruction, adequate intelligence, and sociocultural opportunity;**

**(2) "Related disorders", includes disorders similar to or related to dyslexia, such as developmental auditory imperception, dysphasia, specific developmental dyslexia, developmental dysgraphia, and developmental spelling disability.**

**4. The state board of education shall promulgate rules and**

22 regulations for each public school to screen students for dyslexia and  
23 related disorders as provided in this section. Any rule or portion of a  
24 rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the  
25 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it  
26 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and,  
27 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are  
28 nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general  
29 assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date,  
30 or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held  
31 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule  
32 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.

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