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A BILL

To enact new section 3323.25 and to repeal section 1
3323.25 of the Revised Code to establish the 2
Dyslexia Screening Program for school districts 3
and other public schools. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That new section 3323.25 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3323.25. This section applies to all school districts 7
and schools that are subject to this chapter. 8

(A) The dyslexia screening program is hereby established. 9
Under the dyslexia screening program, each school district or 10
other public school shall conduct early screenings and provide 11
intervention services for children with risk factors for 12
dyslexia, including low phonemic awareness. Each school district 13
or school, through early childhood reading instruction and 14
reading assistance programs, shall screen children six years of 15
age or younger for indications of dyslexia, provide appropriate 16
reading intervention services for those children suspected of 17
having dyslexia, and administer assessments, approved by the 18

superintendent of public instruction, to ascertain whether the 19
intervention services improve those students' reading and 20
learning. 21

When a child is suspected of having dyslexia, the district 22
or school shall notify the child's parent or guardian of that 23
fact and that the child is eligible to receive reading 24
intervention services to measure the effectiveness of early 25
reading assistance programs. The district or school shall 26
require the parent or guardian to indicate in writing that the 27
parent or guardian voluntarily and knowingly consents to the 28
child's participation in the provision of reading intervention 29
services. Each district or school shall provide to the parents 30
of children suspected of having dyslexia information about the 31
learning disability, recommended multisensory treatments, and 32
possible services under this chapter. Each district or school 33
shall report annually to the superintendent of public 34
instruction data about the operation and results of the program, 35
in the manner prescribed by the state superintendent. A district 36
or school may establish a partnership with a regional library or 37
library system to implement the provisions of this section. 38

(B) (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall 39
establish guidelines and procedures for the dyslexia screening 40
program. The state superintendent shall consult with the 41
international dyslexia association or any other nationally 42
recognized organization that specializes in multisensory 43
structured language programs for the treatment of dyslexia in 44
establishing and operating the dyslexia screening program. 45

(2) Not later than December 31, 2020, the state 46
superintendent shall submit a report to the general assembly, in 47
accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, containing 48

the superintendent's evaluation of the results of the dyslexia 49
screening program and any legislative recommendations for the 50
program. 51

(C) The department of education shall furnish any 52
assessment used by a school district or school and approved by 53
the superintendent of public instruction under this section. 54

(D) As used in this section, "dyslexia" means a specific 55
learning disorder that is neurological in origin and that is 56
characterized by unexpected difficulties with accurate or fluent 57
word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities not 58
consistent with the person's intelligence, motivation, and 59
sensory capabilities, which difficulties typically result from a 60
deficit in the phonological component of language. 61

Section 2. That section 3323.25 of the Revised Code is 62
hereby repealed. 63