

HOUSE BILL 1124

By Farmer

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to dyslexia.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-229(a)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(4) Dyslexia screening must be provided to every student.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-229(c), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(5) If the student is enrolled in grades kindergarten through five (K-5), use the Orton-Gillingham method for teaching the student.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-229(d), is amended by adding ", including using the Orton-Gillingham method" after "with dyslexia".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004(c)(1)(A), is amended by deleting "using appropriate scientific research and brain-based multisensory intervention methods and strategies" and substituting "using the Orton-Gillingham method".

SECTION 5. For the purpose of training teachers to use the Orton-Gillingham method, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2025-2026 school year and subsequent school years.