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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 public schools. 3

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

Section 1. That new section 3323.25 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 3323.25. This section applies to all school districts 6
and other public schools that are subject to this chapter. 7

(A) As used in this section, "dyslexia" means a specific 8
learning disorder that is neurological in origin and that is 9
characterized by unexpected difficulties with accurate or fluent 10
word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities not 11
consistent with the person's intelligence, motivation, and 12
sensory capabilities, which difficulties typically result from a 13
deficit in the phonological component of language. 14

(B) The dyslexia screening program is hereby established. 15
Under the program, each school district or school shall conduct 16
screenings and provide intervention services for students with 17



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risk factors for dyslexia, including low phonemic awareness. 18

(C) (1) Each district or school, through reading instruction and reading assistance programs, shall screen each student enrolled in the district or school for indications of dyslexia at least once in kindergarten prior to entering first grade. 19
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(2) (a) Within thirty days after the enrollment of a student in any of grades kindergarten through twelve who transfers from a public or nonpublic school in this state or another state, each district or school shall request records from the school in which the student had previously been enrolled regarding whether the student has been screened for dyslexia. 24
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(b) If the district or school does not receive records from the school in which the student had been previously enrolled within thirty days of requesting the records, the district or school shall request information from the student's parent or guardian about whether the student has been screened for dyslexia. 31
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(c) Not later than sixty days after the district requests records from the school in which the student had been previously enrolled, but only if the parent or guardian indicates the student has not been screened or does not respond, the district or school shall screen the student for indications of dyslexia. 37
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(D) Subject to division (E) of this section, the district or school shall provide appropriate reading intervention services for those students identified as at risk of having dyslexia. 42
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(E) (1) When a student is identified as at risk of having 46

dyslexia, the district or school shall notify the student's 47
parent or guardian of that fact and that the student is eligible 48
to receive reading intervention services to measure the 49
effectiveness of reading assistance programs. The district or 50
school shall require the parent or guardian to indicate in 51
writing whether the parent or guardian voluntarily and knowingly 52
consents to the student's participation in the provision of 53
reading intervention services. 54

(2) Each district or school shall provide to the parents 55
of students identified as at risk of having dyslexia information 56
about the learning disability, recommended structured literacy 57
programs, and possible services under this chapter. 58

(3) Each district or school shall report annually to the 59
superintendent of public instruction data about the operation 60
and results of the program, in the manner prescribed by the 61
state superintendent. 62

(4) A district or school may establish a partnership with 63
a regional library or library system to implement the provisions 64
of this section. 65

(F)(1) The state superintendent shall adopt rules pursuant 66
to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish guidelines and 67
procedures for the dyslexia screening program. The state 68
superintendent may establish an advisory committee of 69
stakeholders and experts to assist with the development of 70
guidelines and procedures. 71

(2) Not later than December 31, 2020, the state 72
superintendent shall submit a report to the general assembly, in 73
accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, containing 74
the superintendent's evaluation of the results of the dyslexia 75

screening program and any legislative recommendations for the 76
program. Additionally, based on the state superintendent's 77
evaluation of the dyslexia screening program, the report also 78
shall include a recommendation regarding the most effective 79
method to screen for dyslexia. 80

(G) The department of education shall furnish any 81
screening method used by a district or school under this 82
section. 83

Section 2. That section 3323.25 of the Revised Code is 84
hereby repealed. 85