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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