

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 254

BY SENATOR APPEL

BESE. Require BESE to establish criteria whereby a teacher may be issued a dyslexia practitioner or dyslexia therapist ancillary certificate. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:392.2, relative to dyslexia screening and intervention; to require the State

3 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop criteria for

4 dyslexia-related ancillary certificates; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:392.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§392.2. Dyslexia practitioner; dyslexia therapist; ancillary certificates**

8 **A. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall**

9 **develop the criteria whereby a teacher may be issued a dyslexia practitioner**

10 **ancillary certificate or a dyslexia therapist ancillary certificate.**

11 **B. In addition to any other criteria established by the board, in order to**

12 **be issued an ancillary certificate pursuant to this Section, a teacher shall:**

13 **(1) Hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate.**

14 **(2) Demonstrate completion of a multisensory structured language**

15 **training program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting**

16 **organization, which shall include:**

17 **(a) For the dyslexia practitioner ancillary certificate, forty-five hours of**

- (3) Pass a multisensory structured language education-related competency examination that is administered by a nationally recognized professional organization that issues national certifications.

Proposed law provides that BESE shall promulgate rules to implement proposed law in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act by July 1, 2019.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:392.2)