

SENATE BILL NO. 72

BY SENATOR PRESSLY AND REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, EDMONSTON,
FREEMAN, FREIBERG, LAFLEUR, MARCELLE, SCHLEGEL,
STAGNI, TAYLOR AND YOUNG

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.10(G) and to enact R.S. 17:24.10(H), relative to students
3 with dyslexia; to exempt students with dyslexia from certain literacy screeners; to
4 require schools administer a nationally norm-referenced test that meets certain
5 requirement to such students; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:24.10(G) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:24.10(H)
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §24.10. Early literacy instruction and screening; parental notification; reporting

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11 **G.(1) A student with dyslexia as defined in R.S. 17:392.11 shall not be**
12 **required to take the literacy screeners as provided in Paragraph (A)(2) of this**
13 **Section.**

14 **(2) Schools shall administer to such students at least once per year a**
15 **nationally norm-referenced test that assesses phonological skills and oral**
16 **reading fluency.**

17 **H.** The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt rules
18 in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions
19 of this Section.

20 Section 2. The state Department of Education shall, within thirty days of the effective
21 date of this Act, request authorization from the U.S. Department of Education to implement
22 the provisions of this Act. Within thirty days after receipt of such authorization, including
23 any necessary waiver of federal regulations, the state Department of Education shall notify
24 each public school governing authority of such authorization, and each public school
25 governing authority shall begin implementing this Act immediately after receipt of the
26 notification.

1 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____