

SENATE BILL NO. 254

BY SENATOR APPEL

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**
18 **coursework and sixty hours of clinical work that is observed and monitored by**
19 **a qualified professional.**

20 **(b) For the dyslexia therapist ancillary certificate, two hundred hours of**
21 **coursework and seven hundred hours of clinical work that is observed and**
22 **monitored by a qualified professional.**

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

1 **C. The board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this**
 2 **Section in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act not later than**
 3 **July 1, 2019.**

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

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____