

SENATE BILL NO. 254

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:392.2, relative to dyslexia screening and intervention; to require the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop criteria for dyslexia-related ancillary certificates; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§392.2. Dyslexia practitioner; dyslexia therapist; ancillary certificates

A. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall develop the criteria whereby a teacher may be issued a dyslexia practitioner ancillary certificate or a dyslexia therapist ancillary certificate.

B. In addition to any other criteria established by the board, in order to be issued an ancillary certificate pursuant to this Section, a teacher shall:

(1) Hold a valid Louisiana teaching certificate.

(2) Demonstrate completion of a multisensory structured language training program accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting organization, which shall include:

(a) For the dyslexia practitioner ancillary certificate, forty-five hours of coursework and sixty hours of clinical work that is observed and monitored by a qualified professional.

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

(3) Pass a multisensory structured language education-related competency examination that is administered by a nationally recognized 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: _____