

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 708

By: Senator Elliott

By: Representative Branscum

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING AND INTERVENTION IN  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
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INTERVENTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-41-603(c)(2)(A), concerning required dyslexia screening and intervention, is amended to read as follows:*

*(2)(A)(i) If the level II dyslexia screening conducted by the school district indicates that a student exhibits characteristics of dyslexia, the student shall be provided intervention services.*

*(ii) The level II dyslexia screening shall be completed consistent with the Arkansas Dyslexia Resource Guide.*

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-41-606 is amended to read as follows:  
6-41-606. Reporting by school district.

(a) The superintendent of a school district annually shall report the results of the school district screening required under § 6-41-603.

(b) Before July 15, a public school district shall report on the website of the public school district or in writing to the parents of each



student in the public school district the following information:

(1) The dyslexia intervention programs used during the previous school year that were specifically responsive to assisting students with dyslexia;

(2) The number of students during the previous school year who received dyslexia intervention under this subchapter; and

(3) The total number of students identified with dyslexia during the previous school year.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 41, Subchapter 6, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-41-611. Enforcement – Rules.

(a)(1) A public school district that fails to comply with this subchapter:

(A) Shall be in violation of the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts; and

(B) May be placed in probationary status.

(2) A public school district placed on probationary status under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall report the reason for being placed on probationary status:

(A) On the website of the public school district; and

(B) By written notification to the parents of each student in the public school district.

(b) The Department of Education:

(1) Shall enforce the requirements of this subchapter; and

(2) May promulgate rules to enforce and implement this subchapter.

/s/Elliott

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