

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 517 (SB 336)

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Existing law requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to select a dyslexia screener and provide the screener, at no cost, to each public school. Requires the parent to be notified within 30 days if the results indicate that a student is at risk for dyslexia. New law retains existing law and adds that, if requested by the parent, a core assessment for the diagnosis of dyslexia is to be administered as follows:

- (1) Authorizes the parent to select either the school or a DOE-approved vendor or professional to administer the assessment.
- (2) Prohibits the assessment from being based on a single test score or specific number of characteristics and requires that it include specific components.
- (3) Requires DOE to do the following in accordance with State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) rules relative to assessment administration:
 - (a) Establish qualifications and an approval process for such vendors and professionals.
 - (b) Establish a payment amount and provide for reimbursement.
 - (c) Reimburse the school or parent, as applicable.

New law provides that implementation of both existing law relative to the screener and new law relative to the core assessment is subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for those purposes.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 17:392.11(B) and (C); adds R.S. 17:392.11(D))