

HB 2546 with HCA 1 -- TEACHER TRAINING ON DYSLEXIA

SPONSOR: Hubrecht

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to offer dyslexia and related disorders training, starting in the 2017-18 school year, to all teachers in Missouri. The training must be offered through one of the various methods specified in the bill and must cover indicators of dyslexia and related disorders.

HCA #1: This amendment requires the training to be offered at no cost to school districts or teachers.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say this bill is a positive step to help educators get info on dyslexia and as part of addressing dyslexia. When you read that one in five students in our state is dyslexic you realize we need to be providing support to them. This is a way for us to do this. This is something that should be done and should be done face to face.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hubrecht; Missouri NEA; AFT St. Louis Local 420; and Missouri Education Reform Council.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.