

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6021

A RESOLUTION urging the State Board of Education to study dyslexia.

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has made a strong commitment for all students to learn and perform well in school, which requires a focus on early literacy programs and appropriate diagnostic screening, including the screening of language processing; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Legislature has made a strong commitment to help children with disabilities, including dyslexia, and is determined that all children with disabilities, including dyslexia, be provided help and support within Kansas schools; and

WHEREAS, Federal law requires each school district to comply with appropriate teacher training to meet the needs of children with disabilities, including dyslexia, as required in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

WHEREAS, Federal law requires each school district to implement appropriate activities to ensure children with disabilities, including dyslexia, are appropriately screened at an early age, and where appropriate, identified as a child with dyslexia; and

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:
That the State Board of Education will endeavor to:

Ensure that early screening or testing will identify children with a reading disability, including dyslexia; and

Review the current reading diagnostic assessments used at the pre-Kindergarten level through grade 12 to ensure that reading problems, including dyslexia, are identified and analyzed; and

Review teacher preparation courses to ensure that knowledge of scientifically-based reading instructional components to instruct children with disabilities, including dyslexia, is addressed; and

Ensure that research-based programs of instruction are designed and implemented to address the needs of children with reading problems, including dyslexia; and

Report to the Kansas Legislature at the beginning of the 2009 Legislative Session on the progress made in achieving these objectives.

House Resolution No. 6021 was sponsored by Committee on Education.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE,
and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.