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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission needs to support the licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners through the Department of State Health Services. It is imperative that highly qualified therapists are working with our children to help reduce the number of children who cannot read in middle and high schools. The outcome will reduce drop-out rates and the number of people in poverty. It provides credibility for the profession, indicating a highly qualified professional is working with the children.

Parents, educators, and other professionals would recognize the highly qualified credentials of the individual serving their children. Without it, districts would hire less qualified individuals to work with the students, which would compromize the quality of instruction.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Provide Educational Diagnosticians with a licensure so that they also can be recognized as highly qualified teachers for the evaluation of Special Education and Dyslexia.

Thank you,

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My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree