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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The Sunset Advisory Commission has recommended that the licensure for Dyslexia Therapists and Practitioners, along with ten other licensures, be discontinued. The goal is to eliminate certain functions at the Department of Health Services to enable you to focus more intently on mental health services. I oppose getting rid of the licensure for dyslexia therapists. This is a terrible mistake. The public schools barely teach and identify dyslexic students as it stands. Most 'reading facilitators in public schools are not Dyslexia Therapists! Most public school reading facilitators don't even know what they are doing, they receive minimal training from the districts. Instead of taking away the licensure, more strict rules governing who can teach dyslexics should be implemented. Texas should require all public schools to have a licensed Dyslexia Therapist or Practitioner on staff! Having a licensed Dyslexia Practitioner/Therapist on staff would not only bring up STAAR scores, the illiteracy problem would decrease greatly in Texas!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the licensure for Dyslexia Therapists/Practitioners and make more strict guidelines! Pass a law where all public schools must have a licensed Dyslexia Therapist/Practitioner on staff! You could have a positive impact on reading if you changed the law!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree