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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I oppose the current suggestion that the state abolish licensure for Dyslexia Therapists under the sunset legislation. I am a dyslexia therapist and I am a parent of a dyslexic daughter.

There are many schools currently who do not recognize and help dyslexic children. Licensure of dyslexia therapists helps to ensure that educators are properly trained in research based methods to teach dyslexic children. It is those individuals who can not only help individual children but also help schools to implement effective programs to help dyslexic children.

Texas has a Dyslexia law and licensure that other states are emulating.

However, we are now looking to take a drastic step backward by doing away with licensure. Licensure of dyslexia therapists ensures that individuals are properly trained to meet the needs of dyslexic children.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: There are many professions in Texas that require licensure. Surely there is an agency that can effectively issue and monitor the dyslexia therapists licensure just as they do speech therapists. Speech therapists remediate oral language and dyslexia therapists remediate written language.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree