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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Julie

Last Name: Nichols

Title: Certified Academic Language Therapist/Licensed Dyslexia Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: Academic Language Therapy Association

City: Selma

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am voting in favor of keeping the licensure of a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist (LDT) as an additional title for Certified Academic Language Therapists (CALT) with master's degrees. To obtain this a title as a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist, a CALT must have a master's degree. The training for the licensure LDT title requires TWO-YEARS of POST-GRADUATE training. In order for most therapists in any discipline to obtain monies for students outside of private pay, a license is almost mostly required, especially with medical insurance reimbursement. I'm always looking into payment options for my parents that are outside of the private pay possibility so their finances will be preserved. I have been also raising a child with Autism, and I'm very sensitive to this issue. If it were not for licensing of my son's therapists, therapy costs would be out-of-pocket for our family in most cases. This licensure issue for his therapists is no different in our profession. Agencies of most kinds want a license, not just a certification.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree