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

Parents of dyslexics need highly qualified academic language therapists who understand the struggle these students have when learning to read. Louisa Moats has written a policy paper entitled "Teaching Reading Is Rocket Science: What Expert Teachers of Reading Should Know and Be Able To Do." She outlines the multisensory structured language procedures necessary to engage the unique brains of these special learners.

Licensing dyslexic therapists by the state of Texas ensures that parents of dyslexic children are receiving the instruction brain research has found is needed. Since 1 in 5 learners is dyslexic and needs this specific training, the department of state health services provides these students protection that will ensure they become literate members of our state.

I encourage the Sunset Committee to rethink withdrawing this important license to dyslexia therapists.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Redington, LDT, CALT, QI, MA

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I believe dyslexia therapists should be licensed by the state of Texas to ensure dyslexic students receive reading, writing and spelling instruction from a highly qualified academic language therapist.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree