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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: At a time when more and more students are identified with a diagnosis of dyslexia, it is imperative that lawmakers and school officials demand well trained personnel to serve these unique learners. Language therapy is specialized and those professionals willing to commit time and resources to complete a language therapy program, should be viewed differently than classroom teachers, para professionals or tutors. Licensure sends the message to stakeholders that an individual completed requirements and is committed in serving these special learners. If lawmakers were building additional government offices or if a school district were building a new school, a licensed contractor would be hired. Learners with dyslexia deserve no less in the level of competence of the person providing the very skill that will ensure the highest quality of life possible. Research demonstrates that instruction (Orton Gillingham MSLE) provided by a LDT is the one sure method to reach these learners; unlocking the reading code which consequently opens the door to learning and achievement. Until lawmakers and school administrators see the need for well-trained personnel, students will continue to receive mediocre instruction. The personnel that goes above and beyond with their own resources and time to complete requirements should receive licensure.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please reconsider not abolishing dyslexia licensure. If a person is willing to complete the requirements they should receive the state's approval and recognition.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree