To: Indiana State Board of Education  
From: Chad E. Ranney, Deputy General Counsel  
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RE: Amend 511 IAC 4 – Dyslexia Screening and Intervention

MEMORANDUM

Recommendation: amend 511 IAC 4 to account for new legislation (IC 20-35.5).

The State Board of Education ("Board") staff recommends the Board amend 511 IAC 4 (Pupil Personnel Services; Student Health Testing; Food and Nutrition Programs; Extended Services) as the existing administrative rules need to be updated to account for changes necessitated by the adoption of Senate Enrolled Act No. 217-2018 ("SEA 217").

The Board will not be approving any language at this meeting. The Board is merely granting Board staff permission to initiate the rulemaking process. The process will proceed as follows:

- Staff will file initial paperwork with LSA to let them know we have approval from the Board to initiate the rulemaking process.
- Staff will present a Proposed Rule to the Board for adoption at a later meeting.
- Once adopted by the Board, the Proposed Rule will be published for public comment, and a public hearing will be held.
- The Board will adopt a Final Rule based on public comments received at the hearing and any recommended technical changes from staff.
SECTION 2 of SEA 217 adds IC 20-35.5 to the Indiana Code as a new section. Indiana Code 20-35.5-2-6 reads:

Sec. 6. The state board shall adopt rules to ensure that students will be screened as provided under this article for risk factors of dyslexia using a screening tool described in section of this this chapter . . .

Indiana Code 20-35.5-7 reads:

Sec. 1. (a) Not later than the 2019-2020 school year, the department shall ensure that each teacher receives professional awareness information on the following:

(1) The characteristics of dyslexia.
(2) The evidence based interventions and accommodations for dyslexia.

(b) The department may provide the information described in subsection (a) in a presentation online or in person.

Sec. 2. The department shall:

(1) develop and update an Indiana dyslexia resource guide; and
(2) post the guide on the department’s Internet web site.

Sec. 3. The state board shall, in collaboration with the department, adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this article.