

1-1 By: Paxton S.B. No. 2075  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2019; March 21, 2019, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 23, 2019,  
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 23, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15	X			
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2075 By: Paxton

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to public school compliance with dyslexia screening,  
1-23 reading instrument requirements, and a requirement that a school  
1-24 district notify certain parents or guardians of a program providing  
1-25 students with reading disabilities the ability to borrow audiobooks  
1-26 free of charge.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Section 7.028(a), Education Code, is amended to  
1-29 read as follows:

1-30 (a) Except as provided by Section 28.006, 29.001(5),  
1-31 29.010(a), 38.003, or 39.057, the agency may monitor compliance  
1-32 with requirements applicable to a process or program provided by a  
1-33 school district, campus, program, or school granted charters under  
1-34 Chapter 12, including the process described by Subchapter F,  
1-35 Chapter 11, or a program described by Subchapter B, C, D, E, F, H, or  
1-36 I, Chapter 29, or Subchapter A, Chapter 37, [~~or Section 38.003,~~] and  
1-37 the use of funds provided for such a program under Subchapter C,  
1-38 Chapter 42, only as necessary to ensure:

1-39 (1) compliance with federal law and regulations;  
1-40 (2) financial accountability, including compliance  
1-41 with grant requirements; and

1-42 (3) data integrity for purposes of:  
1-43 (A) the Public Education Information Management  
1-44 System (PEIMS); and

1-45 (B) accountability under Chapters 39 and 39A.

1-46 SECTION 2. Section 28.006, Education Code, is amended by  
1-47 adding Subsections (g-2) and (l) to read as follows:

1-48 (g-2) In accordance with a notification program developed  
1-49 by the commissioner by rule, a school district shall notify the  
1-50 parent or guardian of each student determined, on the basis of a  
1-51 screening under Section 38.003 or other basis, to have dyslexia or a  
1-52 related disorder, or determined, on the basis of reading instrument  
1-53 results, to be at risk for dyslexia or other reading difficulties,  
1-54 of the program maintained by the Texas State Library and Archives  
1-55 Commission providing students with reading disabilities the  
1-56 ability to borrow audiobooks free of charge.

1-57 (1) The agency by rule shall develop procedures designed to  
1-58 allow the agency to:

1-59 (1) effectively audit and monitor and periodically  
1-60 conduct site visits of all school districts to ensure that

2-1 districts are complying with this section;  
2-2 (2) identify any problems school districts experience  
2-3 in complying with this section; and  
2-4 (3) develop reasonable and appropriate remedial  
2-5 strategies to address school district noncompliance and ensure the  
2-6 purposes of this section are accomplished.

2-7 SECTION 3. Section 38.003, Education Code, is amended by  
2-8 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as  
2-9 follows:

2-10 (c) Subject to Subsection (c-1), the [The] State Board of  
2-11 Education shall adopt any rules and standards necessary to  
2-12 administer this section.

2-13 (c-1) The agency by rule shall develop procedures designed  
2-14 to allow the agency to:

2-15 (1) effectively audit and monitor and periodically  
2-16 conduct site visits of all school districts to ensure that  
2-17 districts are complying with this section, including the program  
2-18 approved by the State Board of Education under this section;

2-19 (2) identify any problems school districts experience  
2-20 in complying with this section, including the program approved by  
2-21 the State Board of Education under this section; and

2-22 (3) develop reasonable and appropriate remedial  
2-23 strategies to address school district noncompliance and ensure the  
2-24 purposes of this section are accomplished.

2-25 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020  
2-26 school year.

2-27 SECTION 5. The Texas Education Agency is required to  
2-28 implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature  
2-29 appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the  
2-30 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that  
2-31 purpose, the Texas Education Agency may, but is not required to,  
2-32 implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations  
2-33 available for that purpose.

2-34 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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