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S.B. No. 467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of dyslexia practitioners and therapists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 403.151, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a licensed dyslexia practitioner may practice outside of an educational setting to the extent necessary to provide a service that would otherwise be provided in an educational setting that is not reasonably accessible to the licensed dyslexia practitioner or client.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 403, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 403.153 to read as follows:

Sec. 403.153. USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY. Notwithstanding any other law, a license holder may provide any service, including conducting an initial meeting with a client, solely through the use of an interactive audiovisual communication system, whether real-time or two-way, including a smartphone.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, the Act takes effect September 1, 2021.