

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Submitted to the Committee on Public Education
For HB 3928

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David Wilson
Self
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for Dyslexia. This is important to me because I have a dyslexic child.

Brook thompson
Self
Dallas, TX

This bill is important to me because I have two Dyslexic students and have seen first hand what needs to be changed!

Monique Bell
Dyslexia
Houston, TX

All
Schools need to follow same guidelines . Rules should not be interpreted on each cpus . Principals and board members need to be educated on dyslexia

Joanna Price
Self
Dallas, TX

“I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia.

Sarah Fenton
Self
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928. This is important to me because a child in my family has dyslexia and her school should be able to help her.

Trenda Trett

None

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928! This is important to me because I've seen how important it is to children and how vital it is for their entire life beyond school. These services make a world of difference!

Diane Southall

Self

Fulshear, TX

I am for this House Bill. It is important to me because my 9 year old has dyslexia and I believe that the services currently available are insufficient.

Catherine Griffin, Dr.

Individual

Dallas, TX

I am in support of this proposal. My son 17 year old son Frederik Griffin has dyslexia. We live in HPISD. His diagnosis and remediation has all occurred outside of the district because of hurdles at HP.

Michelle McArtor

Self

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because my daughter is dyslexic and has struggled for the support she needs.

Kina Cockroft

Self / Minister

Fulshear, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I want Texas education to be available to all. The success of our state depends on it.

Ashley Rupp

self-realtor

Dallas, TX

I am for HB 3928 for dyslexia. This is incredibly important to me because my daughter struggles with dyslexia and I struggled too. This bill hits very close to home having lived with dyslexia and now watching my daughter struggle.

Thank you,

Ashley Rupp

Julie Bregnard

Self

Fulshear, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This bill is important to me because I believe every student has the right to learn that best benefits that student.

Sarah Phillips
Self-Stay at Home Mom
FULSHEAR, TX

I am FOR HB 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have a child with dyslexia and I've seen firsthand just how crucial special education services are to a dyslexic child through their K-12 years.

Kelsey Allen-Gasse Im
Yourself, mom
Fulshear, TX

I am for bill 3928. I am a parent of two dyslexic children who have been failed by the public school.

Stephanie Virag
Texas Dyslexia Coalition and parent of a student with dyslexia
Heath, TX

I am FOR HB 3928, the Dyslexia bill. This bill is important to me because I volunteered for a dyslexia. bill two years ago and the bill was dropped. Since then the SBOE has made changes to the Texas Dyslexia handbook, however, the TEA and the SBOE are not holding LEAs accountable for how dyslexic students and their families are serviced. Texas is still not compliant with IDEA and changes must be made. This bill is the only way. Thank you.

Thomas Fenton
Self
Dallas, TX

I support and I am FOR House Bill 3928!

Cindy Haddock
Self
Blanco, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia.
This is important to me because my family has dyslexia and we needed the help, because we received the Wilson program we performed better, now my family is doing great in college and career's... please make these programs easier to get in as future generations of students need them to be successful. We are successful because of them, so they do work, but we had a hard time getting in, please have them and make it easier to get in.

Adrienne Cronauer
Self/ stay at home mother- former KatyISD teacher
Fulshear, TX

I am FOR HB 3928 for Dyslexia. This is important to me because I would like to do anything I can to help advocate for my daughter in regards for her needs through Dyslexia services.

Alyssa Barnhill

Self

Fulshear, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. It is important to me personally and professionally. I have dear friends whose children have been denied access to appropriate dyslexia supports and interventions in public school. They struggled to read and were unable to get services. I'm also a home visiting nurse in Harris County and serve families below poverty level and the literacy rates are concerning. NIH reports 20% of people have dyslexia and this is not a number we can afford, especially when considering the amount of people living in poverty. It affects their ability to find and maintain work, access medical care, and even read to their children. Studies show parents who read to their children have increased brain growth and it is linked to performance in schools. There are state grant funded programs already supporting addressing this known problem in Texas. There must be a partnership with the education system. We must teach these children to read appropriately and successfully. They are our future and this Bill will improve the lives of future generations.

Cathy Smith

Self- teacher

Katy, TX

I am FOR house bill 3928 for dyslexia. I am for this bill because I come from a family of dyslexics and have two dyslexic daughters. These kids matter and we need to do better for them! Dyslexics are the most creative and smartest of us all! Stand up for them!

Sandra Maltese

Self

University Park, TX

"I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because my granddaughter whom I am raising has dyslexia and has struggled to get the education that she still needs ie., spelling, written expression, understand math word problems and learning not to add extra words when reading and leaving out words when reading. I have asked for this help for years and now she is in 7th grade. When I brought it up again at our 3 year evaluation last week, I was asked when did I think I could add this to her schedule during a school day as if I was asking for too much. My granddaughter needs more help BEFORE she gets into high school and college. I whole heartedly am for this bill. It is imperative to hold educators and the schools accountable to provide basic education needs for my granddaughter who works harder to learn with dyslexia. Special Education and the school obviously needs more help and training to help my granddaughter. I do not think they are harming my granddaughter with malous, I truly think they have capped out what their knowledge and training require or what they have to work with and lack the education to further educate dyslexics. My granddaughter completed a dyslexia program called Take Flight here in Dallas, TX from 3rd grade to 5th grade and some of this during the pandemic. This helped her, but, once "TAKE FLIGHT" was completed, they treated her like she had graduated and was cured from having Dyslexia and had no advanced or continuing education for Dyslexia. No spelling or written expression or continued help for the way she reads. Please do everything you can to help us by explaining the struggles my granddaughter is facing now and even more in the future as her education becomes more rigid and complicated. The school needs "help" to help my granddaughter. I've seen it over and over when they do not have a next plan but say spelling and written expression is the last thing Dyslexics learn, but then still no plan to help her with it. I am baffled by their lack of knowledge or plan to help her further. Thank you so much for being our voice. More training and experts are needed.

Sincerely,

Sandra Maltese - (Nana)

Kimberly Carson

Self- parent of dyslexic student

Houston, TX

As a parent of a dyslexic student, I am in favor of this bill to help all kids with dyslexia in the public school system.

Dottie Spruce

Self

Spring, TX

I am for dyslexia bill 3928. I have three grandchildren with dyslexia who if given the right education can and will become truly remarkable adults. They need some help please help them

Megan Hall

Self

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because my child struggles with dyslexia and was denied special education support

April Terry

Self and Coppell isd dyslexia parents and discovering dyslexia

Coppell, TX

I am in favor of this bill for our students with dyslexia who are not being properly served in our school district.

Robert Spruce

Self

The Woodlands, TX

For bill because it is a better way to approach this issue. We have grandchildren who are doing well with this approach.

Samuel Kalvass

none

Lubbock, TX

I am for House Bill 3928 by Toth. It is important to me that kids everywhere with Dyslexia and other learning issues are all given equal opportunities and accommodations in order to thrive and grow as they are not given that with the system currently in place.

Rowan Lobdell

Self

Fulshear, TX

Every student deserves an equal opportunity to succeed academically, and for students with dyslexia and related disorders, special education services can make all the difference. By identifying and addressing these challenges early on, we can help students build the skills and strategies they need to reach their full potential. I strongly support the efforts of school districts to provide comprehensive evaluations and evidence-based interventions for students with dyslexia and related disorders, and I believe that these services are a critical component of ensuring that every student has access to a high-quality education.

Dana Manley

Self/Homemaker

Dallas, TX

I am FOR HB 3928. This bill is important to me. My daughter didn't get diagnosed with dyslexia until the end of her freshman year. All of the help we received was outside of school. She is graduating next month and headed to college, but I wish she had received more testing, intervention and support services throughout her grade school years.

Tiffany Donaldson

Self

Garland, TX

I am FOR HB 3928 by Toth. This issue is important to me because my daughter is dyslexic. She struggled in school starting in first grade. Unfortunately, we did not get a diagnosis for her until the end of her fifth grade year. By that point, she HATED school and thought she was just stupid. She would scream and cry while trying to do homework and was always very negative about herself and her abilities to learn. Thankfully, after changing school districts and armed with her official dyslexia diagnosis, she was introduced to an amazing dyslexia teacher through the program provided by Richardson ISD. She has FLUORISHED in school ever since and is even graduating with both a high school diploma and an Associates Degree next month. We know for certain that if it wasn't for the teacher and program she was offered in Richardson, in addition to her 504 Accommodations she has received every year since, she would not be where she is today. These types of programs MUST continue and be more widely available in every school district. Our kids deserve a chance to know that just because they have learning differences doesn't mean they're 'stupid'. They just learn differently from how our schools have evolved to teach, and with some additional teaching methods and tools at their disposal, they can succeed!

Julie McKinley

Self/parent

Richardson, TX

I vote FOR this bill. It is important that this be filed as the districts take the handbook as a suggestion. Texas needs to align to federal law and parents need a chance. Anyone who says the handbook is enough, is misleading.

Chelsea Duvall

Self

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because, as a parent with a dyslexic child, I know the importance of early detection. Please give these kids a chance to thrive and receive the services that will set them up for success! Thank you!

Emily D Wilson

Self - Chief Marketing Officer for an education nonprofit

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me to help students like Beckley Wilson get the support they need learning to read... key components to foster a stronger start in literacy and in life!

Sarah Jones, Ms.

Self

Spring, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928. This is important because students with dyslexia and related disorders need access to affordable services and interventions. These kids deserve a shot at success!

Elliott Spruce

Self

Pearland, TX

For dyslexia bill. My niece has it and this is needed for them

Tanna Dockins, Mrs

Self

Seymour, TX

I have three daughters who are dyslexic. Please pass this bill to help my kids and also others!

Alex Day
Grace
Rosenburg, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia! This is important to me because as someone who struggles with and has been around many others throughout my educational career with dyslexia, this is a very needed bill to be passed.

Rachel Winner
Self
University Park, TX

I am for this bill because the services are crucial to the success of our children.

JULIE MEARNS
Self/Mother
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because my 12-year-old son has dyslexia and helping him understand, comprehend, decode and be fluent with the written word is crucial to the rest of his life. Please fight for him and all other students just like him! Thank you!

Erin Myers
Self
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. Two of my children have Dyslexia and this bill will make a huge impact for our students.

Michaele Frederick, Mrs.
Mother of 2 dyslexic children
Southlake, TX

I am in support of this bill. I have 2 children with Dyslexia and believe some children with Dyslexia need more than. 504.

Laura Hearn
Self/preschool minister
Houston, TX

I am FOR HB 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have two dyslexic daughters. Although I knew one of the was dyslexic from an early age, it took intervention after intervention to fail before she was able to be tested. And in the process she fell further and further behind. Streamlining wording and expectations is a positive first step in closing the gap in dyslexic readers.

Jennifer Hartsock-Juarez
Self
Plano, TX

I am FOR HB 2928 because I have a child with dyslexia and have seen the hurdles that children with dyslexia and parents of those children have to leap to get the services they need.

Kristin Hutchison, Mrs.
Fort Bend ISD/Dyslexia Intervention
Missouri City, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because, as an interventionist in a public elementary school, I know the importance of early identification for students suspected of having dyslexia and related disorders. Dyslexia affects at least 20% of the world population, yet we are far from servicing this percentage of students with dyslexia in our public schools. As an interventionist who has been trained by Neuhaus, and who has serviced students with dyslexia for the past seven years, I have seen the impact that early identification has on the academic success of dyslexic students. I have also witnessed the impact that delayed identification has on dyslexic students. I wholeheartedly support House Bill 3928, and pray that this bill takes the next step toward passing on April 20, 2023.

Patrick Spruce
Self
The Woodlands, TX

For

Elizabeth Longo
self, realtor
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have two children with dyslexia in the Texas public schools. It is essential that they be considered for special education services as this is so much more robust than section 504 services. Thank you for listening to my request.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Longo

Brenda Squillante
Self
Southlake, TX

I am FOR this bill! I have 4 elementary age grandchildren with varying degrees of dyslexia. They would not be reading had they not received individualized help from dyslexic specialists! Please pass this bill so school children receive the special educational help they need.

Peyton Bohnsack
self
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because 2 of of my children have dyslexia as well as myself.

Lindy Pierre
Self, homemaker
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have three children with dyslexia. Thank you!

Jennifer Melson
Parent
Dallas, TX

I am FOR HB 3928 because I am a parent of a dyslexic child and I want him to have as many opportunities for a great education as possible. No one sees the struggle to complete assignments and the toll it takes on his mental health. I want him to be eligible for special education services to get the accommodations and support he needs to thrive!

Brandon Smith
Real Estate Investor
Katy, TX

I am For the dyslexia bill! I care about this bill because I dyslexic and did not get the intervention I needed. Now I have two daughters who are also dyslexic.

christina miller
self, teacher
dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because my extended family and many friends are dyslexic .

janice stokes
self
Houston, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because these services are vital for kids until we decide to teach reading the way the science of reading says to teach it. My triplets would not have gotten through high school without these services.

Mark Wilson
Self, lawyer
Katy, TX

I am in favor of this bill.

Brandy Turner
Self
Frisco, TX

I have two dyslexic children in Texas public schools and I support this bill.

Alyson Drennan
Self
Dallas, TX

My son is Dyslexic. Had it not been for a state legislative bill that was passed during his Kindergarten year, dyslexia would NOT have been on our family radar as my husband and I do not have it. I am beyond thankful that he we received a letter saying he was "at risk for dyslexia". I can't imagine the struggles we would have endured without getting him tested. We are so thankful that we were able to catch it early so he was able to receive all the pre-flight/take-flight support. He is now in 5th grade and thriving- but there are still struggles. From what I've learned, most kids with dyslexia also have other difficulties. For example, my son has ADD, his penmanship is still atrocious and barely legible and he struggles with trying to compartmentalize tasks- it's very overwhelming. All this being said, I rely on our teachers and support staff as the experts to navigate the best path forward for him. He is receiving IEP benefits which is very helpful and makes a huge difference. Please continue to increase educational support for those with various needs. It is appreciated and it makes a major impact and difference!

Julie Gonzalez
self and daughters
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because every child has the right to feel supported and the ability to be successful as they navigate their learning of content in their different ways.

Mallory O'Connor

Self

Dallas, TX

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Mallory O'Connor

Self

Dallas, TX

I am FOR HB 3928 by Troth

Brendan OConnor

Self

Dallas, TX

I am for HB 3928 by Toth

Jan Mcmillan

Self CALT. / teacher

Dallas, TX

I am fir this bill, it is important to children challenged by dyslexia .

Lois Holguin

self

San Antonio, TX

This year there were more DNQs for Dyslexia than I can remember as an educational advocate. FIE completion, many schools diverted Dyslexia to 504 not to IEP. Common comorbidities like executive function, written expression, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, SLD problem solving, math calculations etc Speech, OT were neglected. This violates state/federal law when a FULL Individual Eval is not done. SLD fluency was rarely identified. Schools refused to give parents all the scores so parent could discover all disabilities. This has been an ongoing issue. Not enough tests were run, cross battery nonsense confused parents w/inaccurate score reporting. Parents have to hire advocates to get the right testing and the right Dx because the LSSPs and diags are either struggling to see SLDs or are asked to limit their identification. Schools do not follow guidelines like the Texas Dyslexia Handbook, they don't follow IDEA or TEA or Commissioners Rules or SBOE or even TASB. As long as TEA and the Legislature continue to not legalize the guidelines, we will continue to have students who don't receive FAPE unnecessarily and we do physical, educational and emotional harm to children. Ask dyslexia parents - they remember the harm of not being identified. I have clients, as an educational advocate, who were identified and did not receive a standard protocol dyslexia instruction as guaranteed by law and the Handbook. Instead they were given computer programs they had bought with a guaranteed number of users. The Handbook is specific: no computer dyslexia instruction - there is no research supporting success rates and in fact we saw many students with significant regression. Or if students could not keep up in the over fidelity group size limits seen everywhere in the state - they were told to get a specially designed instruction from SPED teachers with no training in dyslexia at all! This is a denial of legally required standard protocol. Every behavior and MDR case I had was for an unDX dyslexia student and that's Kinder to 12th grade. Every legislature we have to come back and solidify specifics of the Dyslexia handbook. This year we could not even obtain data the school was using to create goals and PLAAFP - these are required by law to allow access to parents. I have schools saying they are already destroyed - and the child hasn't even graduated yet. Schools must be required to follow the guidelines, all guidelines, that tell parents and advocates, step by step, what should be happening and are mandated. Schools say they don't have to follow guidelines and the TEA Investigation team has said to me in writing they will not address TDH issues.

Ava Thompson

Self

Dallas, TX

For this bill! Supporting my Dyslexic brothers. I have seen what they have gone through and we need this bill

Holly Saunders

Self. Retired speech pathologist & special edu teacher

Houston, TX

I support this bill as a parent of a dyslexic and dysgraphic child, as well as a professional educator. There are too many children not receiving the dyslexia support they deserve in public schools. Please fight for this bill.

Helen Barnett

Grandparent--self--retired

Belton, TX

I am for HB3928 for dyslexic children. I have grandchildren who need these services.

Jean Parrish

Citizen

Magnolia, TX

I'm for this bill because I am the parent of 2 children with dyslexia. It's very common and most public school teachers aren't trained to recognize dyslexia much less help a dyslexic child succeed. This condition is very common and needs to be addressed.

Elizabeth Foster

Self, Marketing VP

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because my son has dyslexia and it affects every aspect of learning. He is bright and motivated but needs special education services just to get a chance to demonstrate his knowledge, especially in our large high school. Thank you.

Michelle Edmonds, Mrs

Self

Dallas, TX

"I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia

Melissa McDonald

Self

Conroe, TX

I support each and every student getting the actual help they need for dysgraphia, dyslexia and all others. It is important to me as my son is struggling through school because of dysgraphia and not fulling understanding of it.

Alica Wheeler

Self

Conroe, TX

I am FOR this bill because dyslexia should be tested for early on and as often as parents/teachers want- not just after a certain grade/time. I saw in my kindergartener red flags but couldn't be tested until 2nd grade. He started 2nd grade at a beginning 1St grade level and was made fun of because he couldn't read. This should have been initiated at least in 1st grade, if not sooner per my requests that I had to make (requested 2 times before being approved- 1st time was denied service).

Melissa Peticolas

Self

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have twins who have been diagnosed with dyslexia and I see their struggles with school.

Blair Heartfield

Self

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have a son that is dyslexia. The support in school is imperative

Tessa Snodgrass

Self

Georgetown, TX

I support HB 3928 by Toth, as a mother of 4 kids with dyslexia.

Laura Petka

Self

Dallas, TX

I am FOR bill 3928 for the inclusion of dyslexia in special education. These struggles for children should get the attention they deserve so they can thrive learning

Elise Dillard

My granddaughter

Hitchcock, TX

I am for House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because my granddaughter is dyslexic and she needs this support!

Beka Gross

Self

McGregor, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because of Brinley.

Beka Gross

Self

McGregor, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because Brinley.

Melinda Kubecka

Self/KISD employee

Fulshear, TX

I am for House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. I am employed and have 3 children attending one of the largest school districts in Texas. As an employee in a school I have witnessed first hand that our system is lacking in adequate testing, diagnosis and accommodations for these students. We have to do better!

Garrett Smith

Self

SAN MARCOS, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I know many that many who are directly impacted but under: represented AND allocated to.

Hailey Hann
Self, teacher
College Station, TX

I am for the dyslexia bill. As a teacher, ensuring our services best help our students is critical.

Julia Smith
Self
San Marcos, TX

I am for HB 3928 for dyslexia services. This is important to me because all students should be able to receive the services they need to be able to be successful in school.

Erin Bingham
Self
Spring, TX

Why does this only apply to public schools? Don't we want children with dyslexia to receive services and protections in public AND private/charter schools??? Why are you only protecting them in some?

Stephanie Kircher
Self
McKinney, TX

I support this bill. It will allow our students that are GT be identified as having dyslexia.

Nancy Maurer
self - RN
Coppell, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. These children are very intelligent and need to be taught differently than others. Without support these children miss out on quality education and may suffer thinking they are not capable due to their learning difference. Please look at the research and support learning differences in kids.

Rebecca Morrison
Self / Medical Sales
Little Elm, TX

I am for Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have a daughter and a son who both suffer from dyslexia. This has been a struggle for our family as programs in place have not been sufficient to help my child's needs.

Amy Camillo
Self
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because My daughter has dyslexia.

Larissa Milby
Self
Southlake, TX

Please vote yes!!

Amy Thompson
Self/retired teacher, realtor
Fulshear, TX
Brinley Cronauer

Tiffany Gross
Decoding Dyslexia HP
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia because I have two daughters with dyslexia who struggled unnecessary during elementary school.

Shawna Quaglio
Self / dyslexia therapist
San Antonio, TX

I support HB 3928. It is important to me because, as a dyslexia therapist, I have seen first hand the severe lack of sufficient dyslexia therapy programs in school districts.

Ginger Perry
Self
Grapevine, TX

I support this bill.

Kathleen Dering, Mrs
Self
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have a 9th grade child with dyslexia who received NO elementary interventions and continued to battle to catch up since

Karla Garcia
Self
Frisco, TX

Better resources for special education.

Dana Stiff
Self
Burleson, TX

Our children NEED and deserve better representation ! As parents, we have had to jump through hoops and testing that goes on entirely too long only to be turned away.

Melissa McCure
CISD
Southlake, TX

Our family is supporting and we are for HB3928

Nancy D'Amico
Self, parent and former teacher
Southlake, TX

I support this bill as services for our special needs students help them succeed.

Mitch Milby
Southlake
Southlake, TX

I am for this bill. I have 2 children with dyslexia.

Paula Hilliard, Mrs
Texas Education 911 and self
San Antonio, TX

Please support this bill.
Thank you.

Alexandra Wagner
self - mother & lawyer
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have a son with dyslexia who was denied a Full Individual Evaluation (FIE) at school even when dyslexia was suspected (as required by IDEA and, as of recently, recommended by the guidance of the Texas Dyslexia Handbook. My son also never had progress monitoring before, during, or after the one-size-fits all (and only) dyslexia intervention offered by his public school (Take Flight). He therefore missed the opportunity of critical early intervention and remediation that Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) requires. Existing legal obligations regarding dyslexia evaluation and services must be CODIFIED, as directed by HB 3928, in order for schools to understand that legal obligations to properly identify and serve students with dyslexia are not "suggestions" but are, in fact, mandates. Parents and students need the help of their democratically elected representatives (i.e., YOU) to close loopholes, hold school districts accountable, and serve dyslexic students appropriately.

Carol Ortiz
self/retired
Montgomery, TX

As a voting tax payer, I firmly oppose HB 3928, regarding special education services, especially for students with dyslexia. This bill proposes to protect special needs and dyslexic students—but, only the ones who attend public schools. The bill's provisions will not affect private or charter schools. Students with special needs or dyslexia in private and charter schools must also have the same rights and protections.

Hilary Afram
Self, engineer
Corpus Christi, TX

I am FOR HB3928, my two youngest are dyslexic, and need better resources.

Lisa Herrera
Parent
San Antonio, TX

I support the dyslexia bill, HB 3928, because I am the parent of a dyslexic student in Texas and know first hand how critical early identification and sustained remediation/instruction are to not only the academic success of a student, but also their self esteem and potential as a productive member of the community. ALL our kids deserve to be literate and have access to services that will help them provide for themselves and succeed in life. Dyslexia requires specific identification and instruction and we should not fall short on this measure.

Theresa S Neman, Mrs.
Self/educator
Spring, TX

Please hold all schools in Texas to these standards. Students in all school settings deserve to have their needs met, especially if said student was trying to use a voucher because the public system didn't meet their needs. How sad would it be for that student to enroll in a private school that didn't even try to meet his/her needs.

Adriane Harmeling
PHPS and HPISD
Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia because my daughter and all of her classmates (who require a specialized private school) cannot receive the proper dyslexia therapy and instruction in their public districts.

Betty Daughertu
Self
The Woodlands, TX

Please vote against services for special needs to be provided for private and religious schools. This is a veiled attempt to promote vouchers. The legislature regularly cuts school funding to public schools

Pamela Smith
Self, financial secretary
Kyle, TX

This is important to me, as I have two granddaughters with dyslexia.
Thank you

Betty Daugherty
Self
The Woodlands, TX

THIS IS A Correction for my COMMENTS EARLY . I reread the bill and I ask that the committee pass this bill. Previously I opposed. Misread the bill

Leslie Richardson
Self
Houston, TX

I am for HB 3928 because of children with dyslexia and the importance of services to these students in our school districts.

Shawna Johannsen

Self

Plano, TX

I am FOR this bill because schools do not adequately address dyslexia and other learning differences. Thank you.

Allyson Crow

Self

Dallas, TX

I support this bill!

Angela Straface, MD

Feel ideal 360

Southlake, TX

Please support this bill 3928 so that ALL children can learn equally.

Meridith Hayes

Self

Dallas, TX

I am for HB 3928. Advocating for a child with dyslexia and dysgraphia is a full time job in addition to work that brings home income. It is overwhelming and very hard for both the child and the parents. All students deserve the right to learn in a public school environment and this bill will assist families by ensuring that all students are served. Not every student learns in the curriculum box built by the state and 1 of 5 students has a learning difference meaning that 20% of students are left behind. This is unacceptable. Please pass this bill.

Andrea Perryman

Self

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because my daughter has dyslexia but in public school they would not provide her services because her test scores were slightly to high. Without any accommodations her confidence was already starting to be damaged in the first grade. We moved her to private school at Winston and then to Shelton and she is now in the same programs that she should have been offered in public school. This was the best decision for our daughter but this bill should be passed because for some families private schools are not an option due to distance etc. All children with dyslexia should be met with accommodations in their school district.

Amy Harris

School

Dallas, TX

I support specialized education

John kuykendall

Midfirst Bank

Dallas, TX

I support this

Jennie Jones

The Shelton School

Dallas, TX

As a parent of a dyslexic child, it is very important that remedial services are provided by the school district. I am FOR HB 3928.

Gretchen Nieto Giovanini

Self, business executive

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because children with learning differences are smart and valuable members of our society; they deserve a fair and affordable education.

Ronald Mills

Self - Financial Analyst

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This issue is important to me since a number of friends and family members suffer from dyslexia and need greater support from the system.

Kimberly DeWitt

self

Dallas, TX

Please pass

Amy Rouquette

HPISD

Dallas, TX

We are failing our children if the current system is not corrected. I've pulled 3 of my 4 children out of HPISD due to complete incompetence on the district's part. I'm pulling my last child soon, if something does not change.

Marci Boyd

Dyslexia

Pearland, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. It is important to me because my son is dyslexic and ADHD. He never received the proper services through his local school district. I had to place him into a private school for learning disabilities, which is a huge financial burden for me, just so he can receive the help and services he needs to teach him Phonics and reading strategies. My son should NOT have struggled, for as long as he did, without receiving any services for dyslexia for the first 5 years of his education.

Texas, as well as, the whole nation and government needs to DO BETTER when it comes to dyslexia and helping our children with what they need in life, like learning to read and write. NOT more stadiums!!!

Kristin Davis

Self

Coppell, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because My 10 year was diagnosed with dyslexia in 2nd grade. She was so frustrated in normal English classes. When she started MLI in 3rd grade, everything changed. She grew confidence in her abilities and began reading in the first 2 months. I hope additional dyslexia services are approved so child has to suffer like I had to watch my child suffer the first 3 years of education. Please vote "FOR" House Bill 3928 for dyslexia.

Heather McClure

Self

Dallas, TX

I am FOR house bill 3928. This is critical to ensuring students get the aid they need. Too many kids fall through the cracks.

Tabatha Garrison, Mrs.
Self- Ministry Assistant
Fort Worth, TX

I am FOR HB3928 because my child is dyslexic and deserves the same education and rights that any other student in the state of Texas gets.

Melissa Rowell, Honorable
self
Houston, TX

I fully support this bill and hope that it passes out of this committee favorably!

In the Cy-Fair school district in Harris County, unless something has changed, a child can't be evaluated by the school for Dyslexia until the 2nd or 3rd grade. By then the student has missed much needed help for a few years. It is a shame too, because a particular student I am referring to has a grandparent with dyslexia and the student's uncle has it also. And the student's uncle attended the same elementary school, so the school could have considered that and given a head start to the student. The child also suffers with ADHD. I know all this because I also attended the IEP meetings with the student's guardian, to help be an advocate. The dyslexia services have helped and pretty soon the student will go on to 9th grade and is in all regular classes and just gets help as needed.

Brooke Adams
Self- homemaker
Rockwall, TX

I am for this bill because there is just not enough resources for dyslexia. It's hard to get tested and there is not enough teachers for services. Accommodations are hard to get used by the gen ed teachers, and when they are it's still not enough. We are simply teaching children to test not to learn. When you have a disability like dyslexia you need to learn how to overcome it in every day life not how to overcome it on a test

April Vick
self
Conroe, TX

Shouldn't students in private and charter schools be able to receive the same services?

Virginia McLanahan
Self
Dallas, TX

I am for house bill 3928 as a parent of a dyslexia student.

Karina Morales
Self, mother
Houston, TX

HB 3928 ny Toth. I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. It is imperative that Texas does better for children with disabilities including dyslexia. Dyslexia needs to be recognized and schools need to understand that one of out 5 children have dyslexia, hence the need for better supports. Those in place are shameful.

Margaret Innamorati, Mrs.
Self
Dallas, TX

It is vital that this bill passes for our children who have dyslexia!

Robert Innamorati, Mr.

Self

Dallas, TX

This bill will help our dyslexic children perform better in public schools.

Jill Fleming

Educational Management Consulting/Parent

Dallas, TX

Vote FOR the dyslexia bill. Children deserve to be served!

Kathleen Leahy

Self

Heath, TX

I am FOR the dyslexia bill

Courtney Wiles

Self

Dallas, TX

For HB 3928 parent of dyslexic child

Mary C Corrigan

Decoding dyslexia

Dallas, TX

I had to pull both of my children out because of public school so they could get the help they needed with dyslexia and adhd. Thank the Lord we can afford all of the private testing tutors and private school. What about all the other children? These kids need help!

Rachel Spiers

Self

Katy, TX

I am for House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because my son Nathan has dyslexia.

Jennifer Nance, Ms.

self

Dallas, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928. As a mother of two dyslexic daughters, I know the importance of early diagnosis, targeted support, and assistance through accommodations. These children are not dumb; their brains are wired differently. Before my first child was diagnosed, I watched her get frustrated and discouraged at school. Luckily, she got the help she needed along the way and is headed to college next year. The support these kids need varies over time, but dyslexia is never 'cured'. The good news is that if they get this as children, they grow up into healthy capable adults who actively participate in society. Support all children!

Ellen Jurgovan

self

Dallas, TX

I am in favor of this bill. One of my sons has dyslexia and this issue is important to us.

Elizabeth Miller, Mrs.

Self

Dallas, TX

I have two dyslexic students and they would really benefit from this bill. Thank you!

Erin Yoakam

Self

Dallas, TX

I support this bill and it is needed in our state to help children with dyslexia learn to read.

Amy Carey, Mrs

Self

Dallas, TX

As a parent of a child with Dyslexia (and ADHD, dysgraphia, dyscalculia and audio processing) I strongly support this bill. It needs to be clearer and simpler for these children (and their parents) to receive the services needed for their success. The delays and denials experienced by families and students result in harms that often take years to begin to overcome. Please support this bill today.

Ronald Goldman

Myself

Fort worth, TX

In favor

Hillary Lynch

Self/Lawyer

Dallas, TX

We need more resources and education for dyslexic children. Our son in second grade has had outside support and tutoring and would not have been able to overcome

Dyslexia just with the resources in public school. He is now thriving and at the top of his class which would not have been possible if we relied only on the Take Flight program offered at his public school. We closed the gaps because we have the private resources but many do not and are left behind.

Beth Beakley

Highland park

Dallas, TX

This is so important for our dyslexic child. She wouldn't be doing well without her school program

Kay Lawson, Mrs.

Self - mother of 3 dyslexic children

Dallas, TX

School districts need to help students with dyslexia- remédiate to continue their education feel better about themselves- studies show dyslexics have a higher tendency towards addiction- which then creates more problems.. please help the students & future generations with a better dyslexia advocacy & help for all

Stephanie Ernst, Mrs.

Self, attorney

Dallas, TX

I support HB 3928 as a parent with a child with dyslexia at HPISD.

Carol Goldman
Self
Ft Worth, TX
In FW or of this Bill

Karen Harris
Self, retired
Dallas, TX
3928

Melissa Guinn
Decoding Dyslexia Park Cities
Dallas, TX

I support and ask for your support for HB3928. Dyslexia education is important for me, my child and her teachers. Please help these children with the support they need to succeed.

Leigh Ann Palermo
Self
Katy, TX

Services for dyslexia in our local public schools is important because every child should have the opportunity to learn how they personally learn best. Educators need to understand how this affects the brain and how to adjust their teaching methods to give helping tools for these students to use and succeed.

Kenzie Stanfield
Self
Fulshear, TX

I am FOR HB 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have a 12 year old with dyslexia. Our family has been changed by this journey to get him the help and support he needs from the school, tutors, interventionists and supports in place to help him succeed. I currently have a child on a 504 and a different child on an IEP. Please vote in favor of this HB. For the sake of all children in Texas.

Kay Weeks
Self
Dallas, TX

Need more financial assistance for children with all learning differences.

Jeanie Harris
self
DALLAS, TX

Watching both of my children struggle with dyslexia and how it has impacted all areas of their learning, we need more resources and assistance in the schools.

Carolyn Chapman
self - SAHM
Dallas, TX

I am for HB 3928. I was supposed to be in Austin today for your committee meeting, but unfortunately I didn't make it due to caring for an elderly parent. My daughter is present with another mom. I have three dyslexic children and have seen huge issues with identification and services for dyslexic students in our state. Please vote for this bill and support dyslexic students. The TX Dyslexia handbook is good guidance, but schools need a law for clear guidelines to follow. When schools fail to identify and properly serve students, this has a great impact on their education as well as their mental health due to confidence issues, anxiety, etc. Here is a quote from Louisa Moats in the TX Dyslexia handbook: "Reading is the fundamental skill upon which all formal education depends. Research now shows that a child who doesn't learn the reading basics early is unlikely to learn them at all. Any child who doesn't learn to read early and well will not easily master other skills and knowledge and is unlikely to ever flourish in school or life." Thank you for supporting this bill.

Chontae Feldman
Self
Mckinney, TX
FOR

Amy Traynor
Katy Literacy Coalition
Katy, TX

I am FOR HB 3928. This bill is long overdue. This bill is important to actually put into legislation the "guidance" schools receive related to HOW they handled the referral, identification and provision of instruction to students with dyslexia. I am a former special education related service provider and can tell you first hand, if anything is left as "guidance" it is just that; it does not mean it must be done for students. We MUST provide for LAW as to how our students with dyslexia are supported in our PUBLIC school. As a parent, my child was denied what she needed in public school and led us no other option but to seek private placement for her dyslexia remediation and to salvage her mental health. MOST Texas families would be unable to do this. NO Texas family should HAVE to do this. Please, on behalf of ALL families now and in the future who are raising children with dyslexia or related disorders, support this bill. Please, on behalf of ALL Texas communities that rely on educated students leaving our school buildings, support this bill. Please, on behalf of working to remove Texas from the microscope of the Department of Education for our YEARS of special education caps, denial and continued lack of compliance and MILLIONS in lost funds and fines, support this bill. There is NO reason to not support this bill and MILLIONS of reasons why. Thank you for your commitment to Texas' students, families, communities and fiscal responsibilities.

Christie Conley
Self--former educator
The Woodlands, TX

This bill is important to me as a mom of a child with dyslexia. The district ignored warning signs of dyslexia, and he was only recently diagnosed. More adherence to the implementation of the Texas Dyslexia Handbook would have benefited my child and will benefit many others who are in similar situations--higher performing students that have learned to compensate despite the toll on their mental health. Now we are dealing with the fallout of the anxiety caused by struggling in school from not receiving proper services at an earlier time. Our kids deserve better--especially when the state puts so much focus on high stakes testing that causes anxiety in children with reading disabilities.

Bessie Doffermyre
Self
Dallas, TX

My child has dyslexia and the programs of Take Flight and the accommodations for my child have made a world of difference for my daughter.

Victoria Brown

Parent

Dallas, TX

For House Bill 3928- as a parent of dyslexic child I recognize these supports are essential for education and the future of Texas students.

Matthew Innamorati

self

Dallas, TX

Please strongly consider passing this resolution. More and more dyslexic kids are being left behind by current curriculum and lack of support. We are moving our son to a special needs school next year as a result. Please have the state support additional services in our public schools which is much needed. Thank you!

Debbie Gustafson

self

WICHITA FALLS, TX

I have a grandson with Dyslexia and related disorders. More can be done to help these children. Let's do more!

Heather Salinas

Self - In-Court Legal Administrative Specialist

Coppell, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because my son is in the Dyslexia program (504) at school.

Charles McLanahan

Self

Dallas, TX

I am for House Bill 3928. As a parent of a student with dyslexia, I have a unique perspective into this issue and consider this Bill to be critically important not only my child but many others in our district who navigate this disorder.

Carol Waters

Self

Dallas, TX

I support this bill to help students with dyslexia.

Kristi Scott

Self

Heath, TX

I am FOR HB 3928 for Dyslexia. This is important to me because both of my children are dyslexic and services provided were substandard.

Kelsey Theis

Texas Association of School Psychologists

Austin, TX

April 20, 2023

RE: HB 3928 - Dyslexia and Related Disorders

To: Public Education, Texas House of Representatives

Thank you Chair Buckley and Committee members for the opportunity to provide testimony. My name is Kelsey Theis, and I am the past-president of the Texas Association of School Psychologists (TASP). I am speaking on behalf of myself and TASP. We do not support HB 3928.

HB 3928 indicates that when a dyslexia assessment is conducted by an Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist must sign off on the interpretation of the results. LSSPs are highly trained practitioners with unique expertise regarding school based disabilities and identification under IDEA.

School Psychologists assess for many disabilities that may impact academic performance for a variety of reasons including trauma, behavioral and emotional challenges and cognitive delays. Any of these challenges can impact reading development, but poor reading development alone does not substantiate the presence of dyslexia.

Requiring personnel who are not trained in this assessment and identification process under IDEA to interpret and co-sign evaluations is a highly concerning practice that undermines the training and expertise of the school psychologist and is inconsistent with our licensing regulations and practice standards.

According to the 2020 practice standards from the National Association of School Psychologists, School Psychologists are charged with collaborating with a variety of professionals to ensure all necessary qualitative and quantitative data is collected to determine appropriate eligibility under IDEA. Additionally, School Psychology training programs include multiple classes in assessment, data collection and interpretation to ensure practitioners have high quality knowledge of the assessment process. These standards and training components already ensure school psychologists collaborate with all necessary professionals in the identification process. Furthermore, the Texas Dyslexia Handbook already recommends that the multidisciplinary evaluation team include members who have specific knowledge regarding the reading process, dyslexia and related disorders and dyslexia instruction; however, it does not require Licensed Dyslexia Therapists to co-sign an evaluation as a check and balance for a student who is not identified. This practice is detrimental to the integrity of the evaluation process which is very well outlined through IDEA and the Texas Dyslexia Handbook, both of which School Psychologists are trained in interpreting and following. TASP feels strongly that requiring such individuals to co-sign evaluations is inappropriate and we urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Thank you for your time,

Kelsey Theis, SSP, LSSP, NCSP
Past-President

Stefani Watters

Self

Dallas, TX

I support this bill as a mother of dyslexic children and I believe I likely have dyslexia that went undiagnosed and unsupported when I was growing up. Dyslexic students are almost always very creative and bright students who are overshadowed and neglected in our public school systems and their condition isn't given the same respect and support as other medical conditions. It's time to start treating dyslexia like the true disability that it is and start supporting children and adults with better diagnostic and treatment tools!

Keeley Chorn

Moms

Dallas, TX

For House Bill 3928: My son was diagnosed with dyslexia last year after struggling to read and be identified with a learning disability 3 years into his public education. We need more awareness, training to identify it, and support for teachers and students. Experts estimate 20% of the population has dyslexia while only around 5-7% are actually diagnosed. That's a huge gap in care for students. Please pass this important legislation.

Lorena Guilanshah

Empowering Dyslexia for Spring Branch Houston

Houston, TX

I am in support of HB 3928 for dyslexia. Our children are already entitled to be identified, located and evaluated per IDEA Child Find 300.111, yet district administrators are still breaking the law. This is important to me as we personally were told that our son was too smart for services. The pivoting tactic continues to dissuade parents from obtaining the FIE to get kids to be tested for dyslexia only. Dyslexia and related conditions usually have co morbidities. This does not help our mental health crisis post Covid!

Kids are then pushed into a 504 plan, which costs \$2 per child* for districts to implement. Section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a law without teeth, and administrators know it! A plan can be removed without parental consent which is unacceptable!

Kids with dyslexia should be given an FIE to determine the best path forward in the way of services. Praying that HB 3928 can make Texas actually follow the law!!!

*Denied by Brian Rosenthal. Houston Chronicle, September 10, 2016

Jack pyland

Self

Dallas, TX

For house bill 3928

Casey Seabolt

HB3928

Van Alstyne, TX

For

Casey Riggs

Self

Van Alstyne, TX

I am FOR this bill for my niece that is dyslexic

Tres Rouquette

Self

Dallas, TX

Changes lives. Early diagnosis, true support and accommodations are critical to augment the learning experience from these very smart children. I have 2 children with dyslexia, and have observed a significant change in self worth, self belief, confidence, sense of I matter and I am not dumb/rather I think I am smart; after diagnosis and consistent targeted education on the basics of reading comprehension, math, science, etc.
the impact on lives that are set on a new course and trajectory is significant.

Barbara Seabolt

Self

Mesquite, TX

My grandson is dyslexic

Cary Seabolt

Self

San Antonio, TX

For this bill. My nephew as well as myself suffer from dyslexia and I believe this will help. I wish this was curable

Harry Seabolt, Rev.

Self, retired

Mesquite, TX

My grandson is dyslexic.

Dylan Anderson

Self and Sr Client Solutions Manager

MCKINNEY, TX

My Nephew, big brother and best friend all have Dyslexia. They are good, honest and enjoyable people to have around. To have watched them all struggle silently with the frustration of feeling lost was heartbreaking.

Callie Seabolt

Self

college station, TX

I am for HB 3928. My younger brother has dyslexia and it's disheartening to see how the education system has changed so much in so few years; to the point where he struggles to read even in 8th grade. We have a responsibility to our youth to instruct them in a way that not only inspires a love of reading but also properly teaches them the skill to begin with.

Amber Fusca

Self - Master Data Analyst

Spring, TX

I am FOR this bill. Our school district (CISD) is blatantly misinterpreting the Dyslexia Handbook to disqualify children from services. First they tried to argue that dyslexia was not a SLD. Then they told us that we could not have an IEP because even though dyslexia was a SLD that our daughter did not have a cognitive deficit so she did not qualify for SPED. There needs to be an undeniably clear source of criteria that the school districts cannot manipulate or misinterpret so that all children can receive the services they are entitled to.

Joni Anderson

Grandparent self

Forney, TX

I'm a parent and grandparent that has seen frustration on my child and grandchild when they did not get the help they so desperately needed.

Christine Mediamolle

SELF

Houston, TX

I am IN FULL SUPPORT of this bill. I currently have a freshman at Stratford High School. He has an IEP for dyslexia and also diagnosed dyscalculia. The accommodations he has for dyslexia supported by Mr. Barnes AND his teachers have been directly tied to his success. He almost has all A's. He advocates for himself along with his teachers support. Without extra time on tests, having tests read to him periodically, taking tests on paper, 1x a week dyslexia intervention he would NOT be as successful. He is confident, he likes school. He even had an accommodation written into his band IEP due to the speed at which he needed to read his trumpet music. He now has the use of an iPad for note reading. This allows him to make the music bigger. He is a freshman and is 4th chair honors band. His dyslexia services are crucial to his success in academics and his gift, music. PLEASE, PLEASE support this BILL for my son and ALL the other kids who need their accommodations to be successful. If a child needed glasses to see, you wouldn't take them away from them, would you? Thank you for your support and bringing this bill forward and I ask of your full support!

Cody Seabolt

The Workshop

Dallas, TX

My son will benefit greatly from this bill

Ashley Sexton

Parent of child with Dyslexia

Fulshear, TX

I am FOR House bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have a child who was diagnosed with dyslexia at the end of her 4th grade year. Having received the dyslexia services this school year has made all the difference in her grades.

David Anderson

Nephew

ROCKWALL, TX

This is for my Nephew

Lauren and Lane Walker

Self

Houston, TX

As parents of two dyslexic children we fully support this Bill. Accountability and legal binding is needed to ensure that children receive the special education services they are entitled to by federal law. There is a huge deficit in this area and inconsistent support, intervention and accountability for public school systems. Please protect our children! Thank you!

Chase Seabolt

Self - photographer

Lubbock, TX

This is great!

Cayden Seabolt

Self/machinist

Lubbock, TX

I am for the bill, my cousin has dyslexia.

Jenni Knox
self, marketing manager
Heath, TX

I am FOR House Bill 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have two dyslexic students and 4 dyslexic nieces and nephews. Reform is needed in Texas Public Schools regarding dyslexia services.

Mark Fusca
Self
Spring, TX

I support this bill, HB3928, as a parent with 3 children with dyslexia I have had to fight way too hard and too long for them to get appropriate services. When early intervention is key for dyslexia students, our daughter was not recognized as dyslexic until the 4th grade and that was after having to get an IEE done since the district refused to recognize she was dyslexic after her FIE. The district said she was age appropriate even though her two older brothers are dyslexic and age appropriate should never be used as an excuse to DNQ a student.. The biggest issue we had was that the district tr6 to DNQ our daughter because she does not have a cognitive deficit. This is a direct and blatant misrepresentation of the Texas Dyslexia Handbook. It is reasons such as this the parts of the dyslexia handbook need to be codified into law.

Emily Wells
SBISD
Houston, TX

I am for HB 3928 for Dyslexia because my daughter was recently diagnosed. Thank you!!

Connor McDonald
Self, student
Spicewood, TX

As some of you may know, last Monday I came to the capitol here to talk with some of you and spread awareness about the Beckley Wilson Act. One particular discussion that came up, someone mentioned a school board meeting, where after being informed that around 20% of kids have dyslexia, they said, "we must be doing pretty well, we only have 5%." This right here is the massive problem with our school districts. My mom, a special education advocate, had to fight tooth and nail to get my dyslexic little brother identified by the school. I simply can't believe how hard it is, across this whole state, to get kids like my brother and my friends support through our public school system. Why is it that schools are willing to spend more money fighting parents to avoid providing help for kids than helping them? If we cannot ensure that school districts are complying with regulations to help kids with dyslexia then we cannot avoid more takeovers of the school districts such as in Houston and Austin. To ensure that the future of kids across Texas and our entire generation is provided free and appropriate education, we need to pass house Bill 3928, the Beckley Wilson act. Thank you.

Jill Knowles
Self
Houston, TX

Please support HB 3928. As a parent I see how critical these services are for my child with dyslexia.

Nancy Shores
Self
Dallas, TX

I support house bill 3928.

Daphne Hoffacker

self

Austin, TX

This isn't a district issue - it's an issue of our schools not being funded enough to hire the amount of staff needed to support our special ed kids. WILL THIS BILL COME WITH FUNDING?

Minal Patel

Self self employed

Coppell, TX

FOR this bill

Teresa Sanders

Self

Coppell, TX

My daughter was diagnosed with Dyslexia and have very limited services. She was struggling to keep up at school; and when I asked for her to be switched to an IEP - I was advised it wasn't possible with her situation. Without the correct instruction - she struggled and fell further and further behind her peers.

Watching her continue to struggle and get more and more frustrated - I ended up having to pull her out of public school and put her into a private school where she was able to receive the intervention needed. Continuing with her private school instruction she is now thriving because she was taught how to work with having dyslexia instead of trying to be fit into a box that wasn't built for dyslexic and other learning differences.

Living in a district that is one of the to districts in the state, but fails to help properly educate children with dyslexia causes a great concern for districts that are not as well off as ours. I am glad that the private school options are available, even though there are not nearly enough of them to help educate all of the children with learning differences that need the individualized attention. It is also a costly alternative to public school however, when our public schools are not educating the students as parents, we have no other option in order for our children to get the education they deserve.

MARY MONZON

Self

Pasadena, TX

I oppose this bill

Ashley Tassin, Mrs.

Self

Spring, TX

I support HB 3928 for dyslexia. My daughter was misdiagnosed and not properly served, causing deficits in reading, writing, and math. It took CISD 4 years and an IEE to agree her diagnosis must change. The IEE diagnosis shows her learning disability as ADHD, dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia. None of these were served by her IEP due to being misdiagnosed. All kids deserve to read! Let's make a change that matters!

Linda Litzinger

Texas Parent to Parent - Public Policy Specialist, and self (public policy)

Austin, TX

Thank you for providing a comment portal. Texas Parent to Parent is a statewide nonprofit serving 14,000 families having children with all types of disabilities, mental health or special healthcare need. We support HB3928 and thank Rep Toth for filing it.

Wendy Gonzalez-Navarro

Self

Grand Prairie, TX

I am for HB 3928 for dyslexia. This is important to me because I have two children who went undiagnosed for years. I daily see parents who struggle with obtaining what their children need. For years schools refuse to service my children. The current dyslexia handbook is translated to fit the new of schools and teacher instead of the child with need. Teachers and school administration are not educated enough to create dyslexia programs. Yet I've sat in meetings for my own children when school administrator state that their school design their own programs which in my opinion are baseless. Every school should be mandated to follow the same program for all children throughout Texas. No child should get less than the next in a district with less educated administration.

Squillante Courtney

Self

Houston, TX

I am FOR HB 3928. This is important to me because my daughters were denied testing for dyslexia and their comorbidities. We were forced to spend thousands of dollars in outside testing to get answers

We spent countless hours comforting girls who felt “dumb” and “inadequate” and dealt with anxiety and fake ailments to avoid going to school. This could have been avoided and no child should ever be made to feel this way.

Stacy Guerrero, Dyslexia Teacher

Myself and all my dyslexic students

San Antonio, TX

Please help our students. They deserve someone advocating for them.

Danielle Polarek

Self

Southlake, TX

I am for the dyslexia bill because my daughter has dyslexia.

Laurie Shults

Citizen

Dallas, TX

I am for the dyslexia bill — my child had to get special education support to survive academically in public school and the support is essential

Amanda Cariveau

Self

Houston, TX

I'm for HB 3928. My son, through guidance of our reading specialist that the PTA pays the salary, took the special ed test to learn that his dyslexia is from phenomic awareness issues.

Christie Bazaldua

Self-parent of a dyslexic child

Schertz, TX

I am for HB 3928 because this bill directly impacts my children and how they receive dyslexia services. I want direct, explicit instruction by qualified therapists!

Tamsin Kelley
Self
Brownsville, TX

I am for HB 3928 as the parent of a dyslexic student in TX public schools.

Cynthia Runyon
Self, Homemaker
Georgetown, TX

I am for HB 3928. As a parent with a child who benefits from services of this nature I believe it should be offered to those children who need it.

Lauren Walker, Mrs.
Self
Houston, TX

As a parent , aunt and friend of dyslexic children I fully support Bill 3928

Elena Lucas
Self
Dallas, TX

I am for bill 3928

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Kristina Woods

Self

Cypress, TX

I support broadening SPED funding so that all students in need receive a full range of services. I also support that the same standards be applied to charter schools since they are paid for with public school dollars & should be serving students in an equitable manner. If private schools benefit from the passage of a voucher bill, & receive state funding therein, they they too should serve the needs of SPED students.

The state should focus in equity in public education by properly & fully funding our public schools & providing academic equity to every child in public school. This would address SPED services & all other needs.

Thank you.