Updated Definitions and References, ‘Emotional Disability’ and ‘Children with Disabilities’; HB 2322

HB 2322 amends provisions within the Special Education for Exceptional Children Act to define the term “emotional disability,” revise the definition of “children with disabilities” to include dyslexia, and replace the term “emotional disturbance” with “emotional disability.” The bill also makes similar updates in the definition of “individuals with disabilities” used in law relating to transition planning services for individuals with disabilities.

The bill defines “emotional disability” to mean the same as the term “emotional disturbance” is used in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA; PL 101-476).