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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairman Aurand  
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

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Subject: HB 2602 – Screenings for dyslexia and related disorders.

House Bill No. 2602 (HB 2602) would school districts to begin screening students for dyslexia and related disorders starting in school year 2019-2020. The bill first requires the State Board of Education to develop rules and regulations for appropriate screenings by July 1, 2019. This would include guidelines for conducting such screenings and best practices for classroom support for students diagnosed with dyslexia or a related disorder. Screenings by school districts would be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the State Board.

If a screening indicates the student may have dyslexia or a related disorder, then notice is to be sent to the parent or legal guardian regarding such findings. The notice may also include a recommendation that the student be further evaluated by a licensed physician, psychologist, or psychiatrist.

HB 2602 further provides that if a student receives a written diagnosis of dyslexia or a related disorder, then upon request by a parent or legal guardian the school district must conduct the appropriate evaluation for an IEP, 504 plan, or other educational plan.

If enacted, HB 2602 would become effective on July 1, 2018.