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Overview

Directs the Department of Education to employ qualified literacy/dyslexia specialists at the department and at each regional center of excellence and appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2017 for this purpose that may be reflected in the department's base budget in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

Section

- 1** **Regional centers of excellence.** (c) Directs the education department to employ a literacy/dyslexia specialist at the department and at each regional center of excellence to: provide technical assistance and information and support to schools addressing the needs of students with dyslexia; increase professional awareness; and instructional competencies. Defines the qualifications, including the training and experience requirements, of a literacy/dyslexia specialist under this paragraph.

Makes this section effective for the 2016-2017 school year and later.
- 2** **Department.** (a) Leaves the Department of Education appropriation unspecified in fiscal year 2017 and includes in the department appropriation an unspecified amount for employing literacy/dyslexia specialists. Directs the education commissioner to employ a literacy/dyslexia specialist at the department as soon as practicable and by September 1, 2016. Requires the education commissioner to employ literacy/dyslexia specialists at each regional center.

(f) Leaves unspecified the department's base budget in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.