

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2018 SESSION

CHAPTER 588

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23.1-902.1, relating to education preparation programs; reading specialists; dyslexia.

[S 368]

Approved March 30, 2018

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23.1-902.1 as follows:

§ 23.1-902.1. *Education preparation programs; reading specialists; dyslexia.*

Each education preparation program offered by a public institution of higher education or private institution of higher education that leads to a degree, concentration, or certificate for reading specialists shall include a program of coursework and other training in the identification of and the appropriate interventions, accommodations, and teaching techniques for students with dyslexia or a related disorder. Such program shall (i) include coursework in the constructs and pedagogy underlying remediation of reading, spelling, and writing and (ii) require reading specialists to demonstrate mastery of an evidence-based, structured literacy instructional approach that includes explicit, systematic, sequential, and cumulative instruction.