

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

4 [H 1265]  
5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

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

8 **§ 23.1-902.1. Education preparation programs; reading specialists; dyslexia.**

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

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