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SENATE BILL NO. 368

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education  
on February 28, 2018)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Newman)

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

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.

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