

1 development opportunities related to reading disabilities, including
2 dyslexia, to appropriate school personnel. The professional
3 development shall be made available to teachers, instructional
4 staff, administrators and supervisors. The professional development
5 opportunities shall be designed to account for the various manners
6 in which different school personnel interact with, or develop
7 instructional programs for, students with reading disabilities.

8 (b) The department shall, as part of the professional
9 development requirement established by the department for public
10 school teaching staff, require teaching staff to annually complete
11 at least two hours of professional development instruction on the
12 screening, intervention, accommodation and use of technology for
13 students with reading disabilities, including dyslexia.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Education to provide professional development opportunities regarding dyslexia and other reading disabilities; and requiring teaching staff to receive two hours of such training annually.

§18-2-36 is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.