

P.L.2013, CHAPTER 131, *approved August 9, 2013*  
Assembly, No. 3608

1 **AN ACT** concerning special education and supplementing chapter  
2 46 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The State Board of Education shall promulgate regulations  
8 that incorporate the International Dyslexia Association's definition  
9 of dyslexia into chapter 14 of Title 6A of the New Jersey  
10 Administrative Code.

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12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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15 **STATEMENT**

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17 This bill directs the State Board of Education to promulgate  
18 regulations that incorporate the International Dyslexia Association's  
19 (IDA) definition of dyslexia into chapter 14 of Title 6A of the New  
20 Jersey Administrative Code, which outlines the requirements for the  
21 provision of special education programs and services.

22 Currently, State board regulations at N.J.A.C.6A:14-3.5c-12 list  
23 dyslexia as one of the specific learning disabilities that may impair  
24 a person's ability to understand or use language, or perform  
25 mathematical calculations. However, the regulations do not  
26 specifically define dyslexia.

27 Under the bill, the State Board of Education would incorporate  
28 the IDA definition which reads as follows:

29 "Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in  
30 origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent  
31 word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities.  
32 These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological  
33 component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other  
34 cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom  
35 instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in  
36 reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can  
37 impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge."

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42 Directs State Board of Education to incorporate the International  
43 Dyslexia Association's definition of dyslexia into special education  
44 regulations.