

1 COMMITTEE REPORT

2 May 12, 2016

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## H. 5024

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6 Introduced by Reps. Clary, Thayer, Collins, Funderburk, King,

7 Felder, McCoy, Stavrinakis, Bannister, Hamilton, Henderson,

8 Anthony and Govan

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11 Read the first time April 13, 2016.

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### 14 THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

15 To whom was referred a Joint Resolution (H. 5024) to require that

16 before the 2016-2017 school year, the State Department of

17 Education shall provide all reading/literacy coaches and literacy

18 teachers with training on dyslexia, including evidence, etc.,

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#### REPORT:

21 That they have duly and carefully considered the same and

22 recommend that the same do pass:

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24 JOHN E. COURSON for Committee.

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUIRE THAT BEFORE THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE ALL READING/LITERACY COACHES AND LITERACY TEACHERS WITH TRAINING ON DYSLEXIA, INCLUDING EVIDENCE-BASED DYSLEXIA SCREENING, INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS, AND INTERVENTIONS; AND TO IMPOSE RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Before the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, the State Department of Education shall provide training to all literacy coaches and literacy teachers in kindergarten through grade three on:

- (1) dyslexia and related reading disorders and their prevalence, using the internationally accepted definition from the International Dyslexia Association;
- (2) the use of evidence-based screening tools for dyslexia and other reading disorders that are age-appropriate and evaluate, as appropriate, the following skills:
  - (a) phonological and phonemic awareness;
  - (b) sound symbol recognitions;
  - (c) alphabet knowledge;
  - (d) decoding and encoding skills; and
  - (e) rapid naming skills; and
- (3) evidence-based, multi-sensory, instructional methods and interventions designed specifically for students with dyslexia and other reading disorders.

1 SECTION 2. Before October 1, 2016, the State Department of  
2 Education shall provide the Senate Education Committee and the  
3 House Education and Public Works Committee a report:

4 (1) describing the specific training used by the department to  
5 satisfy the requirements of this joint resolution; and

6 (2) stating the number and percentage of literacy coaches in  
7 kindergarten through grade three and the number and percentage of  
8 literacy teachers in kindergarten through grade three who  
9 successfully completed the training.

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11 SECTION 3. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by  
12 the Governor.

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