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Alice Hanlon Peisch
House Chair of the Joint Committee on Education
State House, Room 473G
Boston MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Peisch,

I am writing to respectfully request that H. 330, *An Act relative to defining and providing screening for dyslexia*, which I filed this session, be reported out of your committee favorably.

This legislation would define learning disabilities like dyslexia as most recently defined by the National Institute of Health that are neurobiological in origin.

It would also require the department of elementary and secondary education to issue guidelines for districts, to develop more targeted screening procedures or protocols for students for potential indicators of a neurological learning disability including, but not limited to, dyslexia. These indicators are phonemic awareness (PA), rapid automatized naming (RAN) and letter sound knowledge (LSK). Dyslexia screening in the Commonwealth will include valid and efficient screening of these three indicators.

I thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to your releasing this bill from your committee as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Walsh".

Chris Walsh
State Representative
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