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## House Education Committee Recommends Establishing Dyslexia Handbook for Arizona Schools



**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – The House Education Committee yesterday overwhelmingly approved HB 2202, legislation sponsored by Representative Jill Norgaard (R-18) that would establish a dyslexia handbook to help parents and teachers better identify and support students with dyslexia in Arizona.

**“This bill will help close the achievement gap among Arizona students by giving parents and educators the tools necessary for early detection and intervention, which will**

**drastically help students struggling with dyslexia,”** says Representative Norgaard.

This handbook will be established through the Department of Education, with the supervision of the State Board of Education, and will provide guidelines for parents and teachers to identify dyslexia, educational strategies to improve academic performance of students with dyslexia, and available services and resources to students with dyslexia.

Representative Norgaard, along with local and statewide stakeholders, plan to establish a pre-school pilot program that would establish procedures for early detection of dyslexia in students.

**“With the creation of a successful pilot program, Arizona will be the first state to detect dyslexia in preschool - a monumental achievement in education,”** says Norgaard.

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