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**Fwd: Call to Action: Dyslexia Screening Mandate**

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**Call to Action: Dyslexia Screening Mandate**

We are writing today with another request for members to make their voices heard through a Call to Action.

**HB 1124** (Mussman; D-Schaumburg) would mandate dyslexia screening for all students in grades K through 2. The measure - an initiative of Everyone Reading Illinois - will be called for a vote in the House Elementary and Secondary Administration, Licensing, and Charter Schools Committee tomorrow, Thursday, March 23rd, and will advance to the House Floor for a full vote if it passes through committee.

There have been multiple stakeholder meetings to discuss the impact of the bill over the last several months, and IASAs position has been that this particular element of a comprehensive literacy policy should be discussed through the Illinois State Board of Education's work to develop a literacy framework for the entire state, which will occur over the next several years. While we believe quality literacy screening is an essential tool as part of a comprehensive literacy policy, we also believe it should be developed alongside the other critical elements of a quality literacy initiative.

Policy regarding literacy screening should take into consideration the impact on different student populations, the expertise of educators who know the student's strengths and weaknesses, and the time that will be detracted from instruction in order to conduct the screenings.

Please help communicate to legislators that early literacy screenings should be discussed as part of the larger conversation on comprehensive literacy policy, and ask them to vote NO on HB1124.

**You can file an OPPOSITION witness slip by clicking [here](#).**

Click [HERE](#) to access the OneClick Politics campaign and email your legislator.

Thank you, as always, for your advocacy efforts!

Sincerely,

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