

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 237 (Portantino) - Dyslexia-Universal Screening]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 237 (SB 37) introduced by**  
4 **Senate Member Anthony Portantino (SD- 25) on January 21, 2021; SB 237 would require**  
5 **the State Board of Education to establish a list of approved screening instruments to**  
6 **be used by school districts to screen pupils for risk of Dyslexia.**

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8 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is the most common learning disability with at least 10 percent of  
9 the general population having Dyslexia; and

10 WHEREAS, Students with Dyslexia are less likely to graduate high school and attend  
11 college; and

12 WHEREAS, The American Bar Association found nearly 85 percent of all youth  
13 involved with juvenile court system was unable to read; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 50 percent of San Francisco Unified School District come from  
15 socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds; which, make it nearly impossible for parents  
16 of Dyslexia students to receive out of school support; and

17 WHEREAS, California law does not require universal early screening of all children to  
18 identify children at risk for Dyslexia to enable parents and teachers to be aware of the  
19 student’s needs as early as possible and provide appropriate instruction; and

20 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 237 (SB 237) would require all students in  
21 California to be screened for risk of Dyslexia in their early elementary years; and

22 WHEREAS, SB 237 would require the State Board of Education (SBE) to establish a  
23 list of approved culturally, linguistically and developmentally appropriate, evidence-based  
24 instruments to be used by school districts to screen pupils for risk of Dyslexia; and

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1           WHEREAS, Students from Kindergarten to the second would be screened for risk of  
2 dyslexia within 90 days of the start of each new school years; and

3           WHEREAS, California’s Governor, Gavin Newsom, a person with Dyslexia, has been a  
4 strong proponent for the increase screening and remediation services for students with  
5 learning disabilities; be it

6           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports Senate Bill No. 237  
7 that would require all students in California to be screened for risk of Dyslexia in their early  
8 elementary years; be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Senate  
10 Bill No. 237, Dyslexia Universal Screening; be it

11          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
12 County of San Francisco transmit a copy of this Resolution to San Francisco’s State  
13 Legislative Delegation, City and County of San Francisco State Lobbyist, California Governor  
14 Gavin Newsom and the Bill’s primary sponsor Senate Member Anthony Portantino.