

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 91

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Resolution No. 91 with committee amendments.

As amended, this resolution urges the State Board of Education to: (1) develop an endorsement to the instructional certificate for teachers of students with reading disabilities including, but not limited to, dyslexia; (2) establish eligibility and training requirements for the endorsement; and (3) work with colleges and universities in the development of instructional programs for candidates for the endorsement. The resolution encourages the State board, in developing the endorsement and its eligibility and training requirements, to consider the recommendations contained in the International Dyslexia Association's 2010 publication *Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading*, as well as requirements developed by other states, such as Texas, for certification of individuals who work with students who have dyslexia.

The committee amended the bill to urge: that the endorsement developed by the State board be for teachers of students with reading disabilities rather than only for teachers of students with dyslexia; and that the State board work with colleges and universities in the development of instructional programs for candidates for the endorsement.