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SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 24, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2022 as "Dyslexia Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is a language-based learning disability
4 occurring when there is a problem in areas of the brain that
5 help interpret language; and

6 WHEREAS, Dyslexia refers to a cluster of symptoms which
7 result in people having difficulties with specific language
8 skills, particularly reading; and

9 WHEREAS, Some students will also experience difficulties with
10 other language skills such as spelling, writing, pronouncing
11 words and mixing up similar words; and

12 WHEREAS, The disability is a specific information processing
13 problem that does not interfere with one's ability to think or
14 understand complex ideas; and

15 WHEREAS, Students with dyslexia are likely to struggle with
16 many aspects of academic learning, are at a higher risk of
17 dropping out of school and often go years without being properly
18 diagnosed; and

1 WHEREAS, Aside from problems in school, individuals with
2 dyslexia can experience a loss of self-esteem and general
3 reading problems that may persist into adulthood which can
4 affect getting a job, job performance and keeping a job; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the International Dyslexia Association,
6 approximately 85% of students classified as having a learning
7 disability have difficulty in reading and language processing;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The number of individuals having some symptoms of
10 dyslexia is perhaps as much as 10% to 20% of the entire United
11 States population; and

12 WHEREAS, As of the most recent National Assessment of
13 Educational Progress reading assessment in 2019, only 35% of
14 American fourth graders are reading at or above proficient
15 levels; and

16 WHEREAS, Research has shown that students of lower
17 socioeconomic status are disproportionately impacted, with
18 nearly one-half of all minority children reading at below basic
19 levels; and

20 WHEREAS, According to a study conducted by the University of
21 Texas in conjunction with the Texas Department of Criminal
22 Justice, the prevalence of dyslexia in prisoners is more than
23 twice that of the regular population, or 48%; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the course of the past 25 years much has been
25 learned about how reading develops, what critical skills are
26 needed and even how to predict and identify students who will
27 struggle; and

28 WHEREAS, Dyslexia affects individuals throughout their lives
29 and its impact can change at different stages in a person's
30 life; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2022
2 as "Dyslexia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.