



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1175

Introduced by: **Representative** Rasmussen

1 **An Act to define dyslexia for the purposes of special education and related services.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

4 **13-37-28.1. Dyslexia defined.**

5 For the purposes of this chapter, dyslexia is a learning disability that is neurological
 6 in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by
 7 poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the
 8 phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive
 9 abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may
 10 include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can
 11 impede the growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.