
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 349

AN ACT CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) commissioner to create and maintain a system for dyslexia screening of people who are incarcerated. The commissioner must do so in consultation with the State Department of Education's Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities.

Under the bill, starting January 1, 2025, DOC must complete and assess a dyslexia screening for incarcerated people who were not previously screened by the department, within 60 days of their intake. By that same date, DOC also must implement procedures for screening of incarcerated people who were not previously screened.

By December 1, 2025, the DOC commissioner must report to the Judiciary Committee on the department's compliance, or plan to achieve compliance, with these screening requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 1 (03/26/2024)