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RE: Required Dyslexia Training before School Year 2016–17  

This memorandum is to provide notice of a Joint Resolution (House Bill 5024) that requires the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) to provide training to all reading and literacy coaches and teachers in kindergarten through grade three on dyslexia, evidence-based screening tools, and evidence-based, multi-sensory instructional methods and interventions before the beginning of the 2016–17 school year.  

For the purposes of this training, the SCDE has defined the required positions to be K–3 reading coaches, interventionists, and classroom teachers responsible for teaching literacy.  

To meet the requirements of the Joint Resolution, the SCDE, in collaboration with institutes of higher education and constituent organizations, is developing online modules that will be made available by August 1, 2016. The identified educators will be required to complete all modules and a follow-up survey about each module. The modules may be accessed from any computer with Internet access.  

The SCDE asks that you begin preparation for these identified educators to complete this required training before the beginning of the 2016–17 school start date. The SCDE recommends that, in order to meet the requirement of the Joint Resolution, you have your faculty complete the training as part of the routine professional development days prior to students returning to school. In mid-July, the SCDE will provide additional information and Web links to the online modules.  

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Jennifer Anderson at (803) 734-1629, janderson@ed.sc.gov; or John Payne at (803) 734-8224, jrpayne@ed.sc.gov. We appreciate your assistance with this training and look forward to working with you.