

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 237 (Portantino) - Dyslexia-Universal Screening]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 237 (SB 37) introduced by**
4 **Senate Member Anthony Portantino (SD- 25) on January 21, 2021; SB 237 would require**
5 **the State Board of Education to establish a list of approved screening instruments to**
6 **be used by school districts to screen pupils for risk of Dyslexia.**

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8 WHEREAS, Dyslexia is the most common learning disability with at least 10 percent of
9 the general population having Dyslexia; and

10 WHEREAS, Students with Dyslexia are less likely to graduate high school and attend
11 college; and

12 WHEREAS, The American Bar Association found nearly 85 percent of all youth
13 involved with juvenile court system was unable to read; and

14 WHEREAS, More than 50 percent of San Francisco Unified School District come from
15 socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds; which, make it nearly impossible for parents
16 of Dyslexia students to receive out of school support; and

17 WHEREAS, California law does not require universal early screening of all children to
18 identify children at risk for Dyslexia to enable parents and teachers to be aware of the
19 student's needs as early as possible and provide appropriate instruction; and

20 WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill No. 237 (SB 237) would require all students in
21 California to be screened for risk of Dyslexia in their early elementary years; and

22 WHEREAS, SB 237 would require the State Board of Education (SBE) to establish a
23 list of approved culturally, linguistically and developmentally appropriate, evidence-based
24 instruments to be used by school districts to screen pupils for risk of Dyslexia; and

1 WHEREAS, Students from Kindergarten to the second would be screened for risk of
2 dyslexia within 90 days of the start of each new school years; and

3 WHEREAS, California’s Governor, Gavin Newsom, a person with Dyslexia, has been a
4 strong proponent for the increase screening and remediation services for students with
5 learning disabilities; be it

6 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco supports Senate Bill No. 237
7 that would require all students in California to be screened for risk of Dyslexia in their early
8 elementary years; be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Senate
10 Bill No. 237, Dyslexia Universal Screening; be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the City and
12 County of San Francisco transmit a copy of this Resolution to San Francisco’s State
13 Legislative Delegation, City and County of San Francisco State Lobbyist, California Governor
14 Gavin Newsom and the Bill’s primary sponsor Senate Member Anthony Portantino.



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Resolution

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January 04, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/4/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

1/14/22

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Handwritten date 1/14/2022

Date