

My name is Patricia Bennett-Bigham. I live in Newtown, Connecticut. I support HB 7254, An Act Requiring Special Education Teachers to Complete a Program of Study in Evidence-Based Structured Literacy Interventions for Students with Dyslexia.

So many of both our regular education students and special education students are below grade level in their literacy skills whether it be reading related or written expression related.

Dyslexic students on all grade levels are in regular education classes and special education classes in every school in our state and nation wide. Both special education teachers and regular education teachers are required to be able to identify students who are not able to achieve at grade level without additional intervention and/or without specialized instruction. In order to be able to meet this requirement teachers need the education and training to be able to do so proficiently. Providing this skill should be an integral part of all teacher's education. I believe teachers want, need and should be provided with and complete a

[Program of Study in Evidence-Based Structured Literacy Interventions for Students with Dyslexia.](#)

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