



New South Wales

Educational Support for Dyslexic Children Bill 2007

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to require dyslexia to be included within the Government's disability criteria when providing special or additional assistance to government school children with disabilities. In particular, dyslexia will be required to be included within the disability criteria for the Government's Special Education Initiative for children with disabilities.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendment to the *Education Act 1990* set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 provides for the repeal of the proposed Act after all the amendments made by the proposed Act have commenced. Once the amendments have commenced the proposed Act will be spent and section 30 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* provides that the repeal of an amending Act does not affect the amendments made by that Act.

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Schedule 1 amends the *Education Act 1990* for the purposes described in the above Overview.



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No. , 2007

A Bill for

An Act to include dyslexia within the disability criteria of the NSW Department of Education and Training in respect of the Special Education Initiative for students with disabilities.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Educational Support for Dyslexic Children Act 2007</i> .	3
2 Commencement	4
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	5
3 Amendment of Education Act 1990 No 8	6
The <i>Education Act 1990</i> is amended as set out in Schedule 1.	7
4 Repeal of Act	8
(1) This Act is repealed on the day following the day on which this Act commences.	9 10
(2) The repeal of this Act does not, because of the operation of section 30 of the <i>Interpretation Act 1987</i> , affect any amendment made by this Act.	11 12

Schedule 1	Amendment of Education Act 1990	1
	(Section 3)	2
Section 20A		3
Insert after section 20:		4
20A	Educational support for dyslexic children	5
(1)	For the purposes of section 20, dyslexia is to be recognised as a disability.	6 7
(2)	Accordingly, dyslexia must be included within the disability criteria in respect of any special or additional assistance (including the Special Education Initiative of the Department of Education and Training) that is provided under section 20 to government school children with disabilities.	8 9 10 11 12