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**BILL NO.:**           **HB 237**

**TITLE:**             State Department of Education - Early Literacy and Dyslexia Practices - Guidance and Assistance

**SPONSOR:**         Delegate Ebersole

**COMMITTEE:**      Ways and Means

**POSITION:**       **SUPPORT**

**DATE:**             January 20, 2021

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 237 – State Department of Education – Early Literacy and Dyslexia Practices – Guidance and Assistance. This legislation would establish a stakeholder advisory group to develop a reading and dyslexia handbook.

Dyslexia is considered to be the most common learning disability impacting children, but most schools often do not have adequate resources to provide these students with the help they need. The proposed legislation will bring together experienced experts who can provide schools with a system of evidence-based intervention for helping dyslexic learners. The handbook developed by this group will be made available to the public by July 1, 2022. This guidance will help educators better understand and provide for all of their students, no matter how they learn.

As a former educator, County Executive Olszewski understands the vital importance of giving students the support they need so they don't fall behind. This legislation is a commitment from the State to dyslexic students and an investment in their future academic success.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 237. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Director of Government Affairs, at [cconner@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:cconner@baltimorecountymd.gov).