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## **RED BANNER UPDATE**

**Date:** May 13th, 2022

**Re:** HB 2768

**Signed:** May 5th, 2022

**Effective:** November 1st, 2022

**Topic:** **Professional Development Training Relating to Dysgraphia**

**Summary:** House Bill 2768 (the “Bill”) amends OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 6-194, which outlines required professional development programs to be put in place by district boards of education for certified teachers and administrators.

### ***Dysgraphia Training and the Dyslexia and Dysgraphia Handbook***

Prior to this legislation, professional development programs were required to include training regarding dyslexia but not dysgraphia. Now, training relating to both disabilities must be provided annually for all teachers and administrators. Dysgraphia training must be offered beginning with the 2023–2024 school year.

The Bill also requires the State Department of Education (the “SDOE”) to update its *Dyslexia Handbook* to include information related to dysgraphia. The new *Dyslexia and Dysgraphia Handbook* will continue to be reviewed and revised at least every three (3) years. In reviewing the handbook, the SDOE’s Dyslexia Task Force will study how to effectively identify students with dysgraphia, identify appropriate measures for assisting those students, and make recommendations for resources and interventions.

### ***For More Information***

Please visit the firm’s website to view the signed Act.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.