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2019 SENATE BILL 553

November 8, 2019 - Introduced by Senators TIFFANY, BERNIER and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives KULP, QUINN, RAMTHUN, WITTKÉ, LOUDENBECK, STEFFEN, TUSLER, DITTRICH, MURSAU, SKOWRONSKI, WICHGERS, L. MYERS, KRUG, BOWEN and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 301.03 (7); and *to create* 301.03 (7g) (a) to (f) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** screening correctional inmates for dyslexia.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Corrections to test the reading ability of each prisoner and screen each prisoner for dyslexia within six months of confinement in prison. DOC must implement the dyslexia screening program within one year after the bill's passage. Under current law, DOC must test the reading ability of each prisoner.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 301.03 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 301.03 (7) Direct the educational programs, including an adult basic education
5 program, in all state correctional institutions. ~~The department shall~~
6 (7g) Within 6 months of confinement in a state correctional institution, test the
7 reading ability of each prisoner: and screen each prisoner for dyslexia, which shall
8 include evaluating skills in all of the following areas:

