

Testimony of Shelly Morfeld, Irlen Screener

Dear Chair Roblan, Members of the Committee:

In my capacity as a long term second grade substitute teacher, I saw dramatic changes in reading fluency and comprehension with Irlen overlays. As my students gained levels, I was given the lower groups, and all the students ended up reading better with the overlays. I had parent teacher conferences with a 100% attendance rate where parents were provided information about the difference the overlays were making. I believe it is a net cost savings: meetings you don't have to have, kids who don't wind up in the juvenile justice system, and all the rest that that implies. My brother couldn't read in school and was a behavior problem. He just started a 1,000 page book, something he never, ever thought he would do. An adult friend who was a non reader is now reading daily and can travel because she can read the road signs now. Thank you for your time and your consideration of this bill. I am in full support of SB 142.

I also have a comment from a teacher I worked with:

Shelly: Some of the kids could read SO much better with the overlays...one girl in particular had her fluency double when she did two readings with me back to back...one without Irlen overlays and one with them. It helped her be more confident and hopeful about reading!

A thank you from an adult Irlen colored overlay user.

To whom it concerns:

I have been unable to read all my life. Shelly Morfeld tried some plastic colored sheets and I was able to read for the first time. Now I can travel because I can read the road signs. No child should have to go through what I went through in school when there is such an easy and simple way to help people like me read. Sincerely, LK

Testimonials from students:

1. When I was in second grade Mrs. Morfeld help me read with a piece of sheet that really helped me.
2. When I was in second grade Mrs. Morfeld helped by using the yellow plastic sheet to read.
3. When I was in second grade Miss Morfeld help me read with a pice of sheet that realy helped me.
4. In second grade one of those blue things help me how to reed. It made me know what the words meant.

Sincerely,

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