

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

Act 422 (HB 12)

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Existing law provides for a literacy screener for students in grades kindergarten through third grade. New law provides that if a student has a reading deficiency that is not remedied by the end of the third grade as demonstrated by scoring at the lowest achievement level in reading on the screener, the student shall be given, prior to the beginning of the subsequent school year, two additional opportunities to score at a higher achievement level. Provides that if after three opportunities the student has not scored above the lowest achievement level, he shall not be promoted to the fourth grade; however, prior to retention, requires that he be screened for dyslexia and provides that if the student is diagnosed with dyslexia, he may be granted a "good cause" promotion. Requires parental notification and intensive instructional services for retained third graders.

New law allows promotion to fourth grade for good cause. Limits good-cause promotions to students who meet specific criteria, including being diagnosed with dyslexia as provided above, and provides a process for determining if they are promoted. Requires that certain instructional services be provided to fourth graders promoted under these circumstances.

New law requires BESE to adopt rules for new law implementation and provides for new law implementation beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 17:24.11)