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 Provides relative to student literacy

Proposed legislation establishes an adolescent literacy program for students in grades 4 through 8 and requires local education agencies to implement literacy plans and supports beginning with the 2027-2028 school year. Requires students who scored below mastery in English Language Arts the prior year to take a state-approved reading assessment within 30 days of the start of the school year to identify support needs. Prohibits use of the three-cueing systems model in reading curricula and interventions and requires educator training on the negative impacts of that model. Further provides that nothing in proposed legislation shall supersede or conflict with an individualized education program or accommodation plan required under federal law. Requires certain literacy intervention courses, professional development, tutoring support, and coaching activities to occur during existing job-embedded collaboration time and provides for employee compensation if such activities occur during planning time or outside regular work hours. Repeals the requirement that foundational literacy standards established by BESE include training on behavior management, trauma-informed practices, and other classroom supports related to literacy instruction. Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, additionally requires educator preparation programs to include adolescent literacy instruction for secondary and special education certification candidates.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is expected to increase workload and may increase expenditures for local education agencies (LEAs) related to expansion of existing literacy requirements beyond grades K-3 to include grades 4-8, including literacy assessments, interventions, individualized reading improvement plans, parent notifications, professional development, and literacy planning requirements. Public postsecondary education institutions with educator preparation programs may also experience increased workload and potential expenditures associated with faculty development, curriculum alignment, and incorporation of adolescent literacy and science of reading requirements into existing coursework for secondary and special education teacher candidates. However, to the extent these institutions are already compliant with the requirements of proposed legislation, any increase in related expenditures will be mitigated.

Proposed legislation requires LEAs, beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, to provide core literacy instruction, assess students below mastery in English Language Arts (ELA) through a literacy screener, notify parents of reading deficiencies, and implement targeted interventions and individualized reading improvement plans for adolescents in grades 4-8. Based on 2025 LEAP results, an estimated 138,000 students in grades 4-8 would be subject to screening. LDOE has identified at least one literacy screener specifically designed to assess reading proficiency and identify students who may require interventions that is available at no cost. If a screening indicates additional support is needed, expanded academic services, including targeted instruction, intervention programs, progress monitoring, tutoring support, coaching activities, and professional development for teachers, could result in an indeterminable increase in local expenditures. Proposed legislation further provides that certain literacy intervention courses, professional development, tutoring support, and coaching activities occurring during planning time or outside regular work hours shall require employee compensation, which may further increase local personnel expenditures to an indeterminable degree.

Note: BESE policy currently requires academic remediation for students who do not meet performance standards on statewide assessments. Proposed legislation establishes uniform, statewide requirements concerning literacy for grades 4-8. Students already supported under existing remediation frameworks may satisfy portions of the new requirements, potentially mitigating costs.

Public postsecondary education institutions with educator preparation programs may realize workload impacts associated with curriculum alignment and incorporation of adolescent literacy and science of reading requirements into existing coursework for secondary and special education teacher candidates. LDOE reports it has developed and approved adolescent literacy professional development and intervention courses and made related instructional resources available for use by higher education institutions. As a result, institutions will be able to incorporate state provided or state approved resources into existing educator preparation coursework, mitigating implementation costs that may otherwise be associated with the development of new instructional content or training programs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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