

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Education.

SB22-004 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, after "(6.5)" insert "and (6.7)".

2 Page 5, after line 7 insert:

3 "(6.7) (a) BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR AND
4 CONTINUING FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER, EACH LOCAL
5 EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES PER-PUPIL INTERVENTION MONEY
6 OR A GRANT THROUGH THE EARLY LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM IN ANY
7 BUDGET YEAR STARTING WITH THE 2023-24 BUDGET YEAR SHALL ENSURE
8 THAT EACH READING SPECIALIST EMPLOYED TO TEACH STUDENTS IN ANY
9 OF GRADES FOUR THROUGH TWELVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES OR HAS
10 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING IN TEACHING
11 READING AS DESCRIBED FOR TEACHERS IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS
12 SECTION. TO COMPLY WITH THIS SUBSECTION (6.7)(a), A LOCAL
13 EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL SUBMIT EVIDENCE THAT EACH READING
14 SPECIALIST EMPLOYED TO TEACH STUDENTS IN ANY OF GRADES FOUR
15 THROUGH TWELVE HAS PASSED AN END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENT OF
16 LEARNING AT THE COMPLETION OF THE EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING.

17 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE, AT NO COST, TRAINING FOR
18 READING SPECIALISTS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN
19 SUBSECTION (6.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

20 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (6.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A
21 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
22 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (6.7) AS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE
23 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR OR FOR A SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEAR MAY
24 REQUEST A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FROM THE STATE BOARD BASED ON A
25 DEMONSTRATION OF GOOD CAUSE FOR INABILITY TO COMPLY.

26 (d) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO
27 SPECIFY THE CONTENT AND MINIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR
28 TRAINING FOR READING SPECIALISTS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (6.7)(a) OF
29 THIS SECTION; TIME FRAMES AND PROCEDURES FOR COMPLYING WITH THE
30 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (6.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND
31 FOR APPLYING FOR AN EXTENSION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6.7)(c) OF
32 THIS SECTION; AND THE FORM IN WHICH A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER
33 MUST SUBMIT EVIDENCE OF THE COMPLETION OF AN END-OF-COURSE
34 ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING AS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (6.7)(a) OF THIS
35 SECTION."

36 Page 5, line 13, after "TEACHERS," insert "READING SPECIALISTS,".

37 Page 6, line 6, strike "three," and substitute "three AND FOR READING
38 SPECIALISTS EMPLOYED TO TEACH GRADES FOUR THROUGH TWELVE,".

- 1 Page 6, line 21, strike "22-7-1208 (6.5);" and substitute "22-7-1208 (6.5)
- 2 AND THE READING SPECIALIST TRAINING REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN
- 3 SECTION 22-7-1208 (6.7);".
- 4 Page 7, line 7, strike "(6) OR (6.5)" and substitute "(6), (6.5), OR (6.7)".
- 5 Page 7, line 10, after "three" insert "AND ALL READING SPECIALISTS
- 6 EMPLOYED TO TEACH GRADES FOUR THROUGH TWELVE".

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