

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation updates the Code regarding literacy programs. First, it removes any ambiguity and affirms that school districts have the resources to establish literacy programs to improve the literacy growth of our K-3rd grade students. Second, it updates the literacy funding formula to ensure that schools have baseline stability in funding while also incentivizing and rewarding those programs that achieve the greatest success. Additionally, this bill requires school districts to disclose the purposes and amounts of levy funds to be used within the school district. Such disclosure must be placed on the ballot above the question for supplemental levies. The disclosures shall identify the purposes for which the levies shall support.

FISCAL NOTE

There is currently \$26.1 million in the base budget for literacy; the Governor's budget recommendation proposes adding another \$46.6 million in ongoing literacy funding. This legislation would modify how these existing and proposed funds are distributed to school districts. This bill establishes the policy for how the literacy funds may be used to improve the growth of literacy by the end of 3rd grade.

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