

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

February 10, 2022

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB22-004 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, after "(6.5)" insert "and (6.7)".
- 2 Page 3, line 3, strike "2023-24" and substitute "2024-25".
- 3 Page 3, line 7, strike "2022-23" and substitute "2023-24".
- 4 Page 3, line 12, after "TRAINING" insert "DESIGNED FOR SCHOOL
5 ADMINISTRATORS".
- 6 Page 3, line 16, strike "COMPREHENSION." and substitute "COMPREHENSION
7 TO ASSIST PRINCIPALS IN COACHING AND EVALUATING TEACHERS. THE
8 TRAINING MUST ALSO INCLUDE TOPICS RELATED TO IMPLEMENTING
9 SCHOOLWIDE SCIENTIFICALLY BASED AND EVIDENCE-BASED READING
10 PROGRAMMING."
- 11 Page 3, strike line 18 and substitute "VERIFICATION THAT".
- 12 Page 4, strike lines 9 through 14.
- 13 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 14 Page 4, strike lines 15 through 20 and substitute:
15 "(b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE, AT NO COST, TRAINING FOR
16 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS
17 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (6.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION."
- 18 Page 4, line 24, strike "2023-24" and substitute "2024-25".
- 19 Page 5, line 1, after "SPECIFY" insert "THE CONTENT AND MINIMUM NUMBER

1 OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR THE TRAINING DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (6.5)(a)
2 OF THIS SECTION;"

3 Page 5, line 3, strike "(6.5)(d)" and substitute "(6.5)(c)".

4 Page 5, line 4, add a semi-colon after "SECTION".

5 Page 5, line 5, strike "EVIDENCE" and substitute "VERIFICATION" and strike
6 "AN END-OF-COURSE" and substitute "THE TRAINING REQUIRED IN
7 SUBSECTION (6.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION."

8 Page 5, strike lines 6 and 7.

9 Page 5, after line 7 insert:

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

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

27 (c) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (6.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A
28 LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
29 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (6.7) AS OF THE BEGINNING OF THE
30 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR OR FOR A SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEAR MAY
31 REQUEST A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION FROM THE STATE BOARD BASED ON A
32 DEMONSTRATION OF GOOD CAUSE FOR INABILITY TO COMPLY.

33 (d) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO
34 SPECIFY THE CONTENT AND MINIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED FOR
35 TRAINING FOR READING SPECIALISTS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (6.7)(a) OF
36 THIS SECTION; TIME FRAMES AND PROCEDURES FOR COMPLYING WITH THE
37 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (6.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND
38 FOR APPLYING FOR AN EXTENSION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6.7)(c) OF
39 THIS SECTION; AND THE FORM IN WHICH A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER

- 1 MUST SUBMIT EVIDENCE OF THE COMPLETION OF AN END-OF-COURSE
2 ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING AS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (6.7)(a) OF THIS
3 SECTION."
- 4 Page 5, line 13, after "TEACHERS," insert "READING SPECIALISTS,".
- 5 Page 6, line 6, strike "three," and substitute "three AND FOR READING
6 SPECIALISTS EMPLOYED TO TEACH GRADES FOUR THROUGH TWELVE,".
- 7 Page 6, line 18, strike "2023-24" and substitute "2024-25".
- 8 Page 6, line 21, strike "22-7-1208 (6.5);" and substitute "22-7-1208 (6.5)
9 AND THE READING SPECIALIST TRAINING REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN
10 SECTION 22-7-1208 (6.7);".
- 11 Page 7, line 7, strike "(6) OR (6.5)" and substitute "(6), (6.5), OR (6.7)".
- 12 Page 7, line 10, after "three" insert "AND ALL READING SPECIALISTS
13 EMPLOYED TO TEACH GRADES FOUR THROUGH TWELVE".
- 14 Page 7, line 18, strike "**activities**" and substitute "**report**".
- 15 Page 7, strike lines 20 and 21.
- 16 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 17 Page 8, strike lines 7 through 27 and substitute:
18 "(2) (a) THE DIRECTOR OF EACH PUBLIC LIBRARY IS ENCOURAGED
19 TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE
20 EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING IN THE SCIENCE OF READING FOR EACH
21 LIBRARIAN WHO WORKS WITH CHILDREN ENROLLED IN PRESCHOOL,
22 KINDERGARTEN, OR EARLY ELEMENTARY GRADES. IN ADDITION, THE
23 DIRECTOR IS ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE IN THE LIBRARY
24 MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO IMPROVE
25 LITERACY, WHICH MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES ARE APPROPRIATE FOR
26 PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE, AND THIRD
27 THROUGH SIXTH GRADE AND ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE READING
28 COMPETENCY IN THE AREAS OF PHONEMIC AWARENESS; PHONICS;
29 VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT; READING FLUENCY, INCLUDING ORAL
30 SKILLS; AND READING COMPREHENSION.
31 (b) AT THE REQUEST OF A DIRECTOR, THE DEPARTMENT OF
32 EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE, AT NO COST TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
33 EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING IN THE SCIENCE OF READING TO ONE OR MORE

1 LIBRARIANS WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.
2 (3) THE DIRECTOR OF EACH PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY PREPARE A PLAN
3 DESCRIBING HOW THE DIRECTOR AND THE LIBRARIANS EMPLOYED AT THE
4 LIBRARY WILL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS TO SUPPORT
5 LITERACY USING MATERIALS, ACTIVITIES, AND STRATEGIES THAT ARE
6 SUPPORTED BY THE SCIENCE OF READING. THE DIRECTOR SHALL SUBMIT
7 THE PLAN TO THE STATE LIBRARIAN BY JULY 1, 2024."

8 Page 9, strike lines 1 through 26.

9 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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