

Oklahoma State Senate

Bill Summary and Fiscal Impact

Agency: State Department of Education

Bill Number: SB 346

Senate Author: Jolley

House Author:

FY '12 \$193,725 additional to the \$7 million for the RSA.

Full Year Impact: \$193,725 additional to the \$7 million for the RSA.

Bill Summary and Comments: Overall the bill deals with establishing a reading proficiency assessment program and also additional reading instruction if students do not perform at or above their grade level. The focus of the program will be on kindergarten and grades 1-3. The program also allows certain exemptions from retention and includes various reporting requirements to the students' parents, and the State Board of Education.

Notes on Fiscal Impact: The budget limits bill typically allocates approximately \$7 million to the Reading Sufficiency Act (\$3 million being allotted for the Summer Academy Reading Program). With the absence of a budget limits bill last year, rather than proportionately cutting the RSA funding, the State Board chose to zero out the funding for FY-11. Additional 3rd grade materials would cost \$193,725.