

# *Oklahoma State Senate*

## *Bill Summary and Fiscal Impact*

**Agency:** SDE

**Bill Number:** HB 2676

**Senate Author:** Eason McIntyre

**House Author:** Shumate

**FY '13 Impact:** Unknown- will cost but nothing specific provided.

**Full Year Impact:** Unknown- will cost but nothing specific provided.

**Bill Summary and Comments:** This bill requires SDE to establish the Oklahoma Bridge to Literacy program. The program provides for grants to be awarded on a statewide basis, to the extent possible, for the purpose of providing reading instruction to children through the fourth grade. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations; community-based programs, centers, organizations or services; and churches or religious organizations. Programs may be offered before school, after school, on Saturdays or during summer months. The programs must focus on enabling children to read at the appropriate level and provide assessments and measure of reading skills to determine success. The state board must award grants by February 1 each year. The department also must provide reading instruction training, resource materials on reading instruction and remediation and other assistance. The board must provide for independent evaluations of programs and report to the governor, speaker of the House and pro tempore of the Senate each year. Program scope is currently broad, as the measure does not detail the number of grants to be provided, the amount of each grant, the materials to be purchased, or the number of employees that are to be funded.

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