

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2497
Version:	CCS
Request Number:	N/A
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Date:	5/14/2014
Impact:	\$10,000-\$20,000 annual cost

Research Analysis

The CCS for HB 2497 directs the State Board of Education to promulgate rules adding an exemption from state mandated testing for students facing exceptional emergency circumstances. It modifies good-cause exemptions 5 and 6 under the Reading Sufficiency Act to include prekindergarten. It directs the department of education to conduct a study of reading instruction and the retention of third grade students based on state administered reading assessments. The department will collect data including types of reading instruction practices and methods being used in the state. The department will also collect socioeconomic information; access to reading sources; disability screening data for students that do not demonstrate grade level reading skills; and what intensive remediation efforts are being utilized by school districts in order to identify best practices for students that score limited knowledge and are not retained. The department will aggregate the data and report their findings to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representative and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by December 31, 2015, and each year thereafter. Once the report has been issued, the department will disseminate a compilation of best practices to all public schools.

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Fiscal Analysis

State Department of Education personnel provide that the measure would impose a fiscal impact of \$10,000-\$20,000 annually.

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Other Considerations

None at this time.