BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The CS modifies probationary promotion under the Reading Sufficiency Act. For the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, students who score at the unsatisfactory level on the reading portion of the third grade statewide assessment may be evaluated for probationary promotion by the Student Reading Proficiency Team. Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, this will apply to students who score below the proficiency level. If the Legislature takes no action during the 1st Session of the 57th Legislature then probationary promotion by a Student Reading Proficiency Team will continue indefinitely. It modifies the Reading Report Card by requiring it to be submitted to the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate and adds additional information to the report card. Lastly, the bill repeals a section of law pertaining to the study of reading instruction and retention of students in the third grade conducted by the State Department of Education.

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Fiscal Analysis

CS for ESB 84 relates to the Reading Sufficiency Act, and updates language and extends specified dates. A Student Reading Proficiency Team is clarified. Probationary promotions and the Reading Report Card are modified. A section of law is repealed related to the Department of Education conducting a study of reading instruction and retention for third grade students. The measure is anticipated to have no significant cost but include additional related work by the Department of Education.

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Other Considerations

None

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