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Bill Analysis

SB 37 provides for individual remediation for 3rd grade students who fail to meet their grade level of reading and vocabulary standards. The measure removes language exempting students from retention should they meet reading and vocabulary standards as well as language requiring the maintenance of a student reading profile by the school district. SB 37 will also remove language related to probationary promotion to the 4th grade and the related screening for reading and vocabulary that accompanies probationary promotion.

With this measure, school districts will not be required to report on the number of students on probationary promotion to the 4th grade. Related information sent to parents of the children found to possess below standard reading skills is also removed by the measure. Should a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade student fail to meet reading and vocabulary standards set by the State Board of Education, they may utilize an intensive reading instruction during an altered instructional day that includes specialized diagnostic information and specific reading strategies for each student. Language providing for exemptions to retention and midyear promotions is stricken by the measure.

The measure also replaces references to the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability as it relates to administering remediation courses.

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