

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2672
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

HB 2672, as introduced, modifies various provisions of the Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA).

The measure requires the State Department of Education to retain at least 10 percent of RSA funding to employ a literacy instructional team, with members placed regionally across the state. The Team will:

- Help school districts implement the screenings required by RSA;
- Assist districts with implementing and updating their reading plans;
- Provide technical assistance for literacy instruction and dyslexia and related disorders; and
- Help teachers recognize educational needs for improving literacy outcomes, among other things.

The measure lists the requirements of the members of the literacy instructional team.

Further, the measure modifies how Reading Sufficiency Act funds are distributed. Currently, funding is based on the number of students identified as needing remediation. HB 2672 would change the distribution to be based on the average daily attendance of students in grades K-3. Schools are directed to spend their RSA funds on instruction and teacher professional development related to the district's Reading Sufficiency Plan. Any district with more than 20 percent of its students failing to demonstrate sufficient reading skills must have a reading plan approved by the State Department of Education (SDE) before it may receive its RSA funding.

Lastly, the measure requires school districts to annually provide certain data on students in pre-k, kindergarten, first, second and third grades to the State Board of Education by October 1. The data must include:

- The number of retained students;
- The number of times a student has been retained; and
- The number of students in transitional classes.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the measure reallocates the current funding provided for the Reading Sufficiency Act. As such, is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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