

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 60th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB4420 |
| Version: | CS |
| Request Number: | |
| Author: | Speaker Hilbert |
| Date: | 3/9/2026 |
| Impact: | Common Ed. Recurring Costs: \$38,000,000 |
| | Common Ed. One-time Costs: \$5,000,000 |
| | SDE Recurring Costs: \$5,000,000 |

Research Analysis

Pending

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 4421 creates the Strong Readers Act. Major cost drivers in the measure include: additional software for assessments, online reading platforms, alternative reading assessments, faculty education requirements, the hiring of literacy specialists, regional lead supervisors at the district level, and the hiring of literacy instructional teams and project managers at the Department level.

The measure in its current form is anticipated to result in statewide costs to school districts of approximately \$38,000,000 in recurring costs and \$5,000,000 in one-time start-up costs. The measure is also anticipated to result in \$5,000,000 in recurring costs for the State Department of Education (SDE) for the administration and implementation of the provisions of the act.

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Other Considerations

None.