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Bill Analysis

SB 841 requires individuals seeking certification in early childhood, elementary education, or special education beginning July 1, 2025, to successfully complete a comprehensive reading instruction assessment. The bill also modifies the Strong Readers Act. The measure modifies reference to identification of students with characteristics of dyslexia and modifies the makeup of the Student Reading Proficiency Team to allow an individual with advanced training or specialization in literacy instruction in place of a certified reading specialist, if one is available. It removes a requirement that teacher candidates enrolled in a special education, early childhood education, or elementary education program pass a reading instruction comprehensive assessment prior to graduation. Instead, it requires any person seeking certification in special education, early childhood education, or elementary education to successfully complete a comprehensive reading instruction assessment as a condition for certification beginning July 1, 2025. It removes reporting requirements related to assessment results for teacher candidates. It modifies the purpose of the Statewide Literacy Revolving Fund. It directs the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to implement training in the science of reading in early childhood education, elementary education, and special education teacher preparation programs.

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