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02/15/2024	11599	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education Policy
03/14/2024		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; literacy; amending the Read Act; requiring a report;

1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections

1.4 120B.1117; 120B.1118, subdivisions 4, 7, by adding subdivisions; 120B.12,

1.5 subdivisions 1, 2a, 4, 4a; 120B.123, subdivisions 1, 5, by adding a subdivision;

1.6 120B.124, subdivision 1; 124D.42, subdivision 8; 124D.98, subdivision 5; Laws

1.7 2023, chapter 55, article 3, section 11, subdivisions 2, 4.

1.8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.1117, is amended to read:

1.10 **120B.1117 TITLE; THE READ ACT.**

1.11 Sections ~~120B.1117~~ 120B.118 to 120B.124 may be cited as the "Reading to Ensure

1.12 Academic Development Act" or the "Read Act."

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.1118, is amended by adding

1.14 a subdivision to read:

1.15 Subd. 2a. **Culturally responsive pedagogy.** "Culturally responsive pedagogy" means

1.16 practices and dispositions that convey respect and concern for students and include:

1.17 (1) recognizing students' culturally grounded experiences as a foundation on which to

1.18 build knowledge;

1.19 (2) cultural competency in interacting with students and families;

1.20 (3) an ethic of deep care and affirming views of students; and

1.21 (4) a critical consciousness and sense of efficacy about learning and creating

1.22 equity-oriented changes in the status quo that is consciously transmitted to students.

2.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.1118, subdivision 4, is amended  
2.2 to read:

2.3 Subd. 4. **Evidence-based.** "Evidence-based" means the instruction or item described is  
2.4 based on reliable, trustworthy, and valid evidence and has demonstrated a record of success  
2.5 in increasing students' reading competency in the areas of phonological and phonemic  
2.6 awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, and reading comprehension.  
2.7 Evidence-based literacy instruction is explicit, systematic, and includes phonological and  
2.8 phonemic awareness, phonics and decoding, word study, spelling, fluency, vocabulary, oral  
2.9 language, and comprehension that can be differentiated to meet the needs of individual  
2.10 students. Evidence-based instruction does not include the three-cueing system, as defined  
2.11 in subdivision 16.

2.12 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.1118, subdivision 7, is amended  
2.13 to read:

2.14 Subd. 7. **Literacy specialist.** "Literacy specialist" means a person licensed by the  
2.15 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board as a teacher of reading, a special  
2.16 education teacher, or a kindergarten through grade 6 teacher, who has completed professional  
2.17 development approved by the Department of Education in structured literacy. ~~A literacy  
2.18 specialist employed by the department under section 120B.123, subdivision 7, or by a district  
2.19 as a literacy lead, is not required to complete the approved training before August 30, 2025.~~

2.20 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.1118, is amended by adding  
2.21 a subdivision to read:

2.22 Subd. 18. **Word study.** "Word study" includes instruction in word analysis or syllables,  
2.23 structural analysis or morphemes, and etymology.

2.24 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.12, subdivision 1, is amended  
2.25 to read:

2.26 Subdivision 1. **Literacy goal.** (a) The legislature seeks to have every child reading at  
2.27 or above grade level every year, beginning in kindergarten, and to support multilingual  
2.28 learners and students receiving special education services in achieving their individualized  
2.29 reading goals in order to meet grade level proficiency. By the 2026-2027 school year,  
2.30 districts must provide evidence-based reading instruction through a focus on student mastery  
2.31 of the foundational reading skills of phonemic awareness, phonics, and fluency, as well as  
2.32 the development of oral language, vocabulary, and reading comprehension skills. Students

3.1 must receive evidence-based instruction that is proven to effectively teach children to read,  
3.2 consistent with sections 120B.1117 to 120B.124.

3.3 (b) To meet this goal, each district must provide teachers and instructional support staff  
3.4 with responsibility for teaching reading with training on evidence-based reading instruction  
3.5 that is approved by the Department of Education by the deadlines provided in this  
3.6 subdivision. The commissioner may grant a district an extension to the deadlines in this  
3.7 paragraph. Beginning July 1, 2024, a district must provide access to the training required  
3.8 under section 120B.123, subdivision 5, to:

3.9 (1) reading intervention teachers working with students in kindergarten through grade  
3.10 12;

3.11 (2) all classroom teachers of students in kindergarten through grade 3 and children in  
3.12 prekindergarten programs;

3.13 (3) special education teachers;

3.14 (4) curriculum directors; and

3.15 ~~(5) instructional support staff who provide reading instruction; and~~

3.16 ~~(6)~~ (5) employees who select literacy instructional materials for a district.

3.17 ~~(e) All other teachers and instructional staff required to receive training under the Read~~  
3.18 ~~Act must complete the training no later than July 1, 2027.~~

3.19 (c) The following other teachers and instructional staff must complete the training  
3.20 required under the Read Act by July 1, 2027:

3.21 (1) teachers who provide reading instruction to students in grades 4 to 12;

3.22 (2) teachers of multilingual students; and

3.23 (3) teachers who provide instruction to students who qualify for the graduation incentives  
3.24 program under section 124D.68.

3.25 (d) Districts are strongly encouraged to adopt a MTSS framework. The framework should  
3.26 include a process for monitoring student progress, evaluating program fidelity, and analyzing  
3.27 student outcomes and needs in order to design and implement ongoing evidenced-based  
3.28 instruction and interventions.

4.1 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.12, subdivision 2a, is amended  
4.2 to read:

4.3 Subd. 2a. **Parent notification and involvement.** A district must administer ~~a~~ an approved  
4.4 reading screener to students in kindergarten through grade 3 within the first six weeks of  
4.5 the school year, and again within the last six weeks of the school year. Starting in the  
4.6 2024-2025 school year, a district must also administer the approved screener in the middle  
4.7 of the school year. Schools, at least biannually after administering each screener, must give  
4.8 the parent of each student who is not reading at or above grade level timely information  
4.9 about:

4.10 (1) the student's reading proficiency as measured by a screener approved by the  
4.11 Department of Education;

4.12 (2) reading-related services currently being provided to the student and the student's  
4.13 progress; and

4.14 (3) strategies for parents to use at home in helping their student succeed in becoming  
4.15 grade-level proficient in reading in English and in their native language.

4.16 A district may not use this section to deny a student's right to a special education  
4.17 evaluation.

4.18 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.12, subdivision 4, is amended  
4.19 to read:

4.20 Subd. 4. **Staff development.** (a) A district must provide training on evidence-based  
4.21 ~~reading~~ structured literacy instruction to teachers and instructional staff in accordance with  
4.22 subdivision 1, paragraph (b). The training must include teaching in the areas of phonemic  
4.23 awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, reading fluency, reading comprehension, and  
4.24 culturally and linguistically responsive pedagogy.

4.25 (b) Each district shall use the data under subdivision 2 to identify the staff development  
4.26 needs so that:

4.27 (1) elementary teachers are able to implement explicit, systematic, evidence-based  
4.28 instruction in the five reading areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary,  
4.29 and comprehension with emphasis on mastery of foundational reading skills as defined in  
4.30 section 120B.1118 and other literacy-related areas including writing until the student achieves  
4.31 grade-level reading and writing proficiency;

5.1 (2) elementary teachers ~~have sufficient~~ receive training to provide students with  
5.2 evidence-based reading and oral language instruction that meets students' developmental,  
5.3 linguistic, and literacy needs using the intervention methods or programs selected by the  
5.4 district for the identified students;

5.5 (3) licensed teachers employed by the district have ~~regular~~ opportunities to improve  
5.6 reading and writing instruction through professional development identified in the local  
5.7 literacy plan;

5.8 (4) licensed teachers recognize students' diverse needs in cross-cultural settings and are  
5.9 able to serve the oral language and linguistic needs of students who are multilingual learners  
5.10 by maximizing strengths in their native languages in order to cultivate students' English  
5.11 language development, including oral academic language development, and build academic  
5.12 literacy; and

5.13 (5) licensed teachers are well trained in culturally responsive pedagogy that enables  
5.14 students to master content, develop skills to access content, and build relationships.

5.15 (c) A district must provide staff in early childhood programs ~~sufficient~~ training approved  
5.16 by the Department of Education to provide children in early childhood programs with  
5.17 explicit, systematic instruction in phonological and phonemic awareness; oral language,  
5.18 including listening comprehension; vocabulary; and letter-sound correspondence.

5.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.12, subdivision 4a, is amended  
5.20 to read:

5.21 Subd. 4a. **Local literacy plan.** (a) Consistent with this section, a school district must  
5.22 adopt a local literacy plan to have every child reading at or above grade level every year  
5.23 beginning in kindergarten and to support multilingual learners and students receiving special  
5.24 education services in achieving their individualized reading goals. A district must update  
5.25 and submit the plan to the commissioner by June 15 each year. The plan must be consistent  
5.26 with the Read Act, and include the following:

5.27 (1) a process to assess students' foundational reading skills, oral language, and level of  
5.28 reading proficiency and the screeners used, by school site and grade level, under section  
5.29 120B.123;

5.30 (2) a process to notify and involve parents;

5.31 (3) a description of how schools in the district will determine the targeted reading  
5.32 instruction that is evidence-based and includes an intervention strategy for a student and

6.1 the process for intensifying or modifying the reading strategy in order to obtain measurable  
6.2 reading progress;

6.3 (4) evidence-based intervention methods for students who are not reading at or above  
6.4 grade level and progress monitoring to provide information on the effectiveness of the  
6.5 intervention;

6.6 (5) identification of staff development needs, including a plan to meet those needs;

6.7 (6) the curricula used by school site and grade level;

6.8 (7) a statement of whether the district has adopted a MTSS framework;

6.9 (8) student data using the measures of foundational literacy skills and mastery identified  
6.10 by the Department of Education for the following students:

6.11 (i) students in kindergarten through grade 3;

6.12 (ii) students who demonstrate characteristics of dyslexia; and

6.13 (iii) students in grades 4 to 12 who are identified as not reading at grade level; and

6.14 (9) the number of teachers and other staff that have completed training approved by the  
6.15 department.

6.16 (b) The district must post its literacy plan on the official school district website and  
6.17 submit it to the commissioner of education using the template developed by the commissioner  
6.18 of education beginning June 15, 2024.

6.19 (c) By March 1, 2024, the commissioner of education must develop a streamlined template  
6.20 for local literacy plans that meets the requirements of this subdivision and requires all  
6.21 reading instruction and teacher training in reading instruction to be evidence-based. The  
6.22 template must require a district to report information using the student categories required  
6.23 in the commissioner's report under paragraph (d). The template must focus district resources  
6.24 on improving students' foundational reading skills while reducing paperwork requirements  
6.25 for teachers.

6.26 (d) By December 1, 2025, the commissioner of education must submit a report to the  
6.27 legislative committees with jurisdiction over prekindergarten through grade 12 education  
6.28 summarizing the local literacy plans submitted to the commissioner. The summary must  
6.29 include the following information:

6.30 (1) the number of teachers and other staff that have completed training approved by the  
6.31 Department of Education;

7.1 (2) by school site and grade, the screeners ~~used at the beginning and end of the school~~  
7.2 ~~year~~ and the reading curriculum used; and

7.3 (3) by school site and grade, using the measurements of foundational literacy skills and  
7.4 mastery identified by the department, both aggregated data and disaggregated data using  
7.5 the student categories under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (2).

7.6 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.123, subdivision 1, is amended  
7.7 to read:

7.8 Subdivision 1. **Approved screeners.** A district must administer an approved  
7.9 evidence-based reading screener to students in kindergarten through grade 3 within the first  
7.10 six weeks of the school year, and again within the last six weeks of the school year. Starting  
7.11 in the 2024-2025 school year, a district must also administer the screener in the middle of  
7.12 the school year. The screener must be one of the screening tools approved by the Department  
7.13 of Education. A district must identify any screener it uses in the district's annual literacy  
7.14 plan, and submit screening data with the annual literacy plan by June 15.

7.15 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.123, subdivision 5, is amended  
7.16 to read:

7.17 Subd. 5. **Professional development.** (a) A district must provide training from a menu  
7.18 of approved evidence-based training programs to all reading intervention teachers, literacy  
7.19 specialists, and other teachers and staff identified in section 120B.12, subdivision 1, paragraph  
7.20 (b), by July 1, 2025; and by July 1, 2027, to other teachers in the district who provide reading  
7.21 instruction or reading interventions, prioritizing teachers who work with students with  
7.22 disabilities, English learners, and students who qualify for the graduation incentives program  
7.23 under section 124D.68.

7.24 (b) A district must provide training approved by the Department of Education to  
7.25 instructional support staff, volunteers, and other persons who provide reading instruction  
7.26 or interventions to students in kindergarten through grade 12 by July 1, .....

7.27 (c) The commissioner of education may grant a district an extension to the deadlines in  
7.28 this subdivision.

7.29 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.123, is amended by adding  
7.30 a subdivision to read:

7.31 Subd. 8. **Special revenue fund.** An account is established in the special revenue fund  
7.32 known as the "Read Act program account." All amounts appropriated under Laws 2023,

8.1 chapter 55, article 3, that are unobligated and unencumbered as of June 30, 2028, must be  
8.2 transferred to the Read Act program account. Remaining unspent funds from previously  
8.3 obligated or encumbered appropriations under the Read Act cancel to the Read Act program  
8.4 account.

8.5 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 120B.124, subdivision 1, is amended  
8.6 to read:

8.7 Subdivision 1. **Resources.** The Department of Education must partner with CAREI for  
8.8 two years beginning July 1, 2023, until August 30, 2025, to support implementation of the  
8.9 Read Act. The department and CAREI must jointly:

8.10 (1) identify at least five literacy curricula and supporting materials that are evidence-based  
8.11 or focused on structured literacy by January 1, 2024, and post a list of the curricula on the  
8.12 department website. The list must include curricula that use culturally and linguistically  
8.13 responsive materials that reflect diverse populations and, to the extent practicable, curricula  
8.14 that reflect the experiences of students from diverse backgrounds, including multilingual  
8.15 learners, biliterate students, and students who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.  
8.16 A district is not required to use an approved curriculum, unless the curriculum was purchased  
8.17 with state funds that require a curriculum to be selected from a list of approved curricula;

8.18 (2) identify at least three professional development programs that focus on the five pillars  
8.19 of literacy and the components of structured literacy by August 15, 2023, subject to final  
8.20 approval by the department. The department must post a list of the programs on the  
8.21 department website. The programs may include a program offered by CAREI. The  
8.22 requirements of section 16C.08 do not apply to the selection of a provider under this section;

8.23 (3) identify evidence-based literacy intervention materials for students in kindergarten  
8.24 through grade 12;

8.25 (4) develop an evidence-based literacy lead training program that trains literacy specialists  
8.26 throughout Minnesota to support schools' efforts in screening, measuring growth, monitoring  
8.27 progress, and implementing interventions in accordance with subdivision 1;

8.28 (5) identify measures of foundational literacy skills and mastery that a district must  
8.29 report on a local literacy plan;

8.30 (6) provide guidance to districts about best practices in literacy instruction, and practices  
8.31 that are not evidence-based;

8.32 (7) develop MTSS model plans that districts may adopt to support efforts to screen,  
8.33 identify, intervene, and monitor the progress of students not reading at grade level; ~~and~~



9.1 (8) ensure that teacher professional development options and MTSS framework trainings  
 9.2 are geographically equitable by supporting trainings through the regional service  
 9.3 cooperatives; and

9.4 (9) identify or develop one or more professional development programs for unlicensed  
 9.5 school staff, volunteers, and other persons that provide literacy instruction or intervention  
 9.6 to students in Minnesota school districts, charter schools, or cooperative units by January  
 9.7 10, 2025, subject to final approval by the department. The training must be ten to 25 hours  
 9.8 long.

9.9 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.42, subdivision 8, is amended  
 9.10 to read:

9.11 Subd. 8. **Minnesota reading corps program.** (a) A Minnesota reading corps program  
 9.12 is established to provide ServeMinnesota AmeriCorps members with a data-based  
 9.13 problem-solving model of literacy instruction to use in helping to train local Head Start  
 9.14 program providers, other prekindergarten program providers, and staff in schools with  
 9.15 students in kindergarten through grade 3 to evaluate and teach early literacy skills, including  
 9.16 evidence-based literacy instruction under sections 120B.1117 to 120B.124, to children age  
 9.17 3 to grade 3 and interventions for children in kindergarten to grade ~~4~~ 3.

9.18 (b) Literacy programs under this subdivision must comply with the provisions governing  
 9.19 literacy program goals and data use under section 119A.50, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

9.20 (c) Literacy programs under this subdivision must demonstrate to the Department of  
 9.21 Education that they meet or exceed the training requirements for volunteers under section  
 9.22 120B.12.

9.23 ~~(e)~~ (d) The commission must submit a biennial report to the committees of the legislature  
 9.24 with jurisdiction over kindergarten through grade 12 education that records and evaluates  
 9.25 program data to determine the efficacy of the programs under this subdivision.

9.26 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 124D.98, subdivision 5, is amended  
 9.27 to read:

9.28 Subd. 5. **Literacy incentive aid uses.** A school district must use its literacy incentive  
 9.29 aid to support implementation of evidence-based reading instruction. The following are  
 9.30 eligible uses of literacy incentive aid:

9.31 (1) training for kindergarten through grade 3 teachers, early childhood educators, special  
 9.32 education teachers, reading intervention teachers working with students in kindergarten

10.1 through grade 12, curriculum directors, and instructional support staff that provide reading  
10.2 instruction, on using evidence-based screening and progress monitoring tools;

10.3 (2) evidence-based training using a training program approved by the Department of  
10.4 Education;

10.5 (3) employing or contracting with a literacy lead, as defined in section 120B.1118;

10.6 (4) employing an intervention specialist;

10.7 ~~(4)~~ (5) screeners, materials, training, and ongoing coaching to ensure reading interventions  
10.8 under section 125A.56, subdivision 1, are evidence-based; and

10.9 ~~(5)~~ (6) costs of substitute teachers to allow teachers to complete required training during  
10.10 the teachers' contract day; and

10.11 (7) stipends for teachers completing training required under the Read Act.

10.12 Sec. 16. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 3, section 11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

10.13 Subd. 2. **CAREI.** (a) To contract with the Center for Applied Research and Educational  
10.14 Improvement at the University of Minnesota for the Read Act implementation partnership  
10.15 under section 120B.124:

10.16 \$ 4,200,000 ..... 2024

10.17 \$ 0

10.18 \$ 4,200,000 ..... 2025

10.19 (b) This appropriation is available until June 30, ~~2026~~ 2028. Any unspent funds do not  
10.20 cancel but are transferred to the Read Act program account in the special revenue fund.

10.21 (c) The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$0.

10.22 Sec. 17. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 3, section 11, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

10.23 Subd. 4. **Read Act professional development.** (a) For evidence-based training on  
10.24 structured literacy for teachers working in school districts, charter schools, and cooperatives:

10.25 \$ 34,950,000 ..... 2024

10.26 \$ 0

10.27 \$ 10,000,000 ..... 2025

10.28 (b) Of the amount in paragraph (a) for fiscal year 2024, \$18,000,000 is for the Department  
10.29 of Education and the regional literacy networks and \$16,700,000 is for statewide training.

10.30 The department must use the funding to develop a data collection system to collect and  
10.31 analyze the submission of the local literacy plans and student-level universal screening data;

11.1 establish the regional literacy networks as a partnership between the department and the  
11.2 Minnesota service cooperatives, and to administer statewide training based in structured  
11.3 literacy to be offered free to school districts and charter schools and facilitated by the regional  
11.4 literacy networks and the department. The regional literacy networks must focus on  
11.5 implementing comprehensive literacy reform efforts based on structured literacy. Each  
11.6 regional literacy network must add a literacy lead position and establish a team of trained  
11.7 literacy coaches to facilitate evidence-based structured literacy training opportunities and  
11.8 ongoing supports to school districts and charter schools in each of their regions. For fiscal  
11.9 year 2025, faculty teaching literacy instruction at state-approved teacher preparation programs  
11.10 in Minnesota are eligible to receive training in structured literacy under this subdivision at  
11.11 no cost.

11.12 (c) Of the amount in paragraph (a), \$250,000 each year is for administration.

11.13 (d) If funds remain unspent on July 1, 2026, the commissioner must expand eligibility  
11.14 for approved training to include principals and other district, charter school, or cooperative  
11.15 administrators.

11.16 (e) The commissioner must report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
11.17 kindergarten through grade 12 education the number of teachers from each district who  
11.18 received approved structured literacy training using funds under this subdivision, and the  
11.19 amounts awarded to districts, charter schools, or cooperatives.

11.20 (f) The regional literacy networks and staff at the Department of Education must provide  
11.21 ongoing support to school districts, charter schools, and cooperatives implementing  
11.22 evidence-based literacy instruction.

11.23 (g) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2028. Any unspent funds do not cancel  
11.24 but are transferred to the Read Act program account in the special revenue fund. The base  
11.25 for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$7,750,000, of which \$6,500,000 is for the regional literacy  
11.26 networks and \$1,250,000 is for statewide training.

11.27 **Sec. 18. PELSB READING AUDIT REPORT.**

11.28 The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board must evaluate how approved  
11.29 teacher training programs provide instruction to teacher candidates on literacy instruction,  
11.30 and whether the instruction is consistent with the Read Act. The board must submit an initial  
11.31 report with its findings to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten  
11.32 through grade 12 and higher education by January 15, 2025, and a final report by February  
11.33 1, 2026.

12.1 **Sec. 19. APPROPRIATION; SUPPLEMENTAL READ ACT FUNDING.**

12.2 Subdivision 1. Department of Education. The sums indicated in this section are  
12.3 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education in the fiscal years  
12.4 designated.

12.5 Subd. 2. Training incentives. (a) For incentives for teachers to complete literacy training:

12.6 \$ ..... 2024

12.7 \$ ..... 2025

12.8 (b) The commissioner of education must administer a payment of \$150 to each teacher  
12.9 who completes an evidence-based professional development program approved under section  
12.10 120B.124. To be eligible for the payment, a teacher must have a license to teach in  
12.11 Minnesota; work for a school district, charter school, or cooperative; and complete a  
12.12 professional development program completed between July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2027.

12.13 (c) This appropriation is available until July 1, 20... Any unspent funds do not cancel  
12.14 but are transferred to the Read Act program account in the special revenue fund on June  
12.15 30, 20...

12.16 Subd. 3. Read Act supplemental curriculum and intervention materials. (a) To  
12.17 partially reimburse school districts, charter schools, and cooperative units for evidence-based  
12.18 literacy curriculum and supporting materials, and intervention materials for children in  
12.19 prekindergarten through grade 12 based on structured literacy:

12.20 \$ ..... 2025

12.21 (b) The commissioner must use this appropriation to partially reimburse school districts,  
12.22 charter schools, and cooperatives for approved evidence-based structured literacy curriculum  
12.23 and supporting materials, and intervention materials purchased after July 1, 2023. An  
12.24 applicant must apply for the reimbursement in the form and manner determined by the  
12.25 commissioner.

12.26 (c) The commissioner must report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
12.27 kindergarten through grade 12 education the districts, charter schools, and cooperative units  
12.28 that receive literacy grants and the amounts of each grant, by January 15, 2025, according  
12.29 to Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195. The commissioner must, to the extent practicable,  
12.30 award grants in a regionally equitable manner.

12.31 (d) To be eligible for the partial reimbursement, a school district, charter school, or  
12.32 cooperative unit must purchase literacy curriculum and instructional materials that reflect  
12.33 diverse populations.

13.1 (e) Of this amount, up to \$..... is available for grant administration.

13.2 (f) This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028. Any unspent  
13.3 funds do not cancel but are transferred to the Read Act program account in the special  
13.4 revenue fund on June 30, 2028.

13.5 Subd. 4. **Unlicensed staff and volunteer training.** (a) For training for unlicensed school  
13.6 staff and volunteers on structured literacy:

13.7 \$ 1,000,000 ..... 2025

13.8 (b) The commissioner must partner with CAREI and the regional literacy networks to  
13.9 develop training for unlicensed school staff, volunteers, and other persons that provide  
13.10 literacy instruction or intervention to students in Minnesota school districts, charter schools,  
13.11 or cooperative units.

13.12 (c) This appropriation is available until June 30, 2028. Any unspent funds do not cancel  
13.13 but are transferred to the Read Act program account in the special revenue fund on June  
13.14 30, 2028. The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$0.

13.15 Sec. 20. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

13.16 The revisor of statutes shall renumber each section of Minnesota Statutes listed in column  
13.17 A with the number listed in column B. The revisor shall also make necessary cross-reference  
13.18 changes consistent with the renumbering. The revisor shall also make any technical and  
13.19 other changes necessitated by the renumbering and cross-reference changes in this act.

13.20	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
13.21	<u>120B.1117</u>	<u>120B.118</u>
13.22	<u>120B.1118</u>	<u>120B.119</u>