By Senator Miller

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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to reading instruction; providing legislative intent regarding required 3 4 reading instruction; requiring each public 5 elementary school to develop and implement 6 programs for reading and literacy development 7 in kindergarten through grade 4; requiring the Department of Education to provide technical 8 9 support; providing an effective date. 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 13 Section 1. Required reading instruction in kindergarten through grade 4.--14 (1) The Legislature recognizes that reading is a major 15 foundational skill for all school-based learning. It further 16 17 recognizes the importance of instruction in reading in primary grades to improve a student's academic performance. The public 18 19 schools of this state have successfully improved student 20 performance by increasing the number of instructional hours spent on reading in the primary grades. Engaging students in 21 22 learning through curriculum that emphasizes reading offers the 23 additional benefits of reducing disciplinary problems and 24 diminishing the need for social promotion of students who have 25 not learned to read. 26 (2) To encourage local control in the determination of 27 reading and literacy development programs, each public 28 elementary school shall develop and implement an appropriately 29 designed reading program to include daily reading and literacy 30 development in kindergarten through grade 4.

1	(3) Each public school shall devote a locally
2	determined amount of time each day to reading and literacy
3	development in kindergarten through grade 4.
4	(4) The Department of Education shall provide
5	technical support and guidance to any public school that
6	requests assistance pertaining to the implementation of this
7	section.
8	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.
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