

By Senator Miller

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to reading instruction;
3 providing legislative intent regarding required
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
8 Department of Education to provide technical
9 support; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Required reading instruction in
14 kindergarten through grade 4.--

15 (1) The Legislature recognizes that reading is a major
16 foundational skill for all school-based learning. It further
17 recognizes the importance of instruction in reading in primary
18 grades to improve a student's academic performance. The public
19 schools of this state have successfully improved student
20 performance by increasing the number of instructional hours
21 spent on reading in the primary grades. Engaging students in
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.

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