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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to reading instruction;
providing legislative intent regarding required
reading instruction; requiring each public
elementary school to develop and implement
programs for reading and literacy development
in kindergarten through grade 4; requiring the
Department of Education to provide technical
support; providing an effective date.

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

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

(1) The Legislature recognizes that reading is a major
foundational skill for all school-based learning. It further
recognizes the importance of instruction in reading in primary
grades to improve a student's academic performance. The public
schools of this state have successfully improved student
performance by increasing the number of instructional hours
spent on reading in the primary grades. Engaging students in
learning through curriculum that emphasizes reading offers the
additional benefits of reducing disciplinary problems and
diminishing the need for social promotion of students who have
not learned to read.

(2) To encourage local control in the determination of
reading and literacy development programs, each public
elementary school shall develop and implement an appropriately
designed reading program to include daily reading and literacy
development in kindergarten through grade 4.

