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sSB-1094

AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF READING  
MODELS OR PROGRAMS.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>
Local and Regional School Districts	See Below	See Below	See Below

## ***Explanation***

The bill makes changes to the timeline in which school districts must adopt a comprehensive reading curriculum. These changes potentially delay when full costs will be incurred, but do not change the overall cost to implement the reading curriculum. The bill also minimally reduces the cost of implementing the curriculum by limiting it to kindergarten to third grade, instead of starting in prekindergarten.

The extent to which the bill delays costs varies by district based on whether the district has received a waiver to implement a different comprehensive reading curriculum. The bill pushes the date for full implementation of the curriculum to (1) FY 25 for districts that have received a waiver (and these districts may then implement a different model or program); and (2) FY 26 for districts that have not received a waiver but have not begun implementing the curriculum. The bill requires partial implementation of the curriculum in FY 24 and FY 25 for districts that have not received a waiver and have not begun implementation.

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Depending on which curriculum a district chooses to implement, costs can range from approximately \$5,000 to \$13,000 per classroom, or about \$250 to \$650 per student (assuming 20 students in a classroom) associated with purchasing materials.

The bill additionally requires the State Department of Education's Center for Literacy Research and Success to conduct a review of issues relating to implementation of the reading curriculum. The bill does not specify a date by which the Center must complete the review. This has no fiscal impact, as it is anticipated that the Center has the resources to complete the review.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.