

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6262
BILL NUMBER: SB 34

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 14, 2024
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Literacy Endorsement.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Leising
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the Department of Education may not renew a practitioner license or an accomplished practitioner license issued to an individual unless the individual receives a literacy endorsement by completing 40 (instead of 80) hours of evidence based professional development. It removes written examination requirements to receive a literacy endorsement for individuals renewing a practitioner license or an accomplished practitioner license. It provides that the State Board of Education may not require certain individuals to take or pass a written examination to be eligible to receive a literacy endorsement.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Provisions in the bill could result in an expenditure decrease for the Department of Education (DOE) dependent on state action.

Additional Information - Beginning in FY 2028, current statute requires teachers seeking to renew certain licenses to complete 80 hours of Science of Reading oriented professional development. This will impact an estimated 27,000 teachers. DOE has contracted with Keys to Literacy through July 31, 2025, to offer the required professional development to an estimated 9,000 teachers at an average per-teacher cost of \$472. [This does not include a \$1,200 stipend for teachers provided by DOE]. DOE has also partnered with Marian University to offer teachers a free to use self-paced course that counts as 25 hours of science of reading professional development. By reducing the number of required professional development hours, this bill would likely reduce the per-teacher cost to provide future science of reading professional development training.

Explanation of State Revenues:

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