

House File 2618

H-8253

1 Amend House File 2618 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 256.16, subsection 1, Code 2024, is
5 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. *m.* (1) Administer an examination identical
7 to the foundations of reading assessment administered in 2012
8 as part of the Massachusetts tests, or the most current version
9 of such assessment.

10 (2) The higher education institution shall report to the
11 department no later than August 1 annually, in the form and
12 manner prescribed by the department, the percentage of students
13 whose scores on the assessment administered during the prior
14 school year were above, at, and below the passing score, and
15 shall report any services or opportunities to retake the
16 assessment the institution may make available to a student
17 who fails the assessment. The department shall compile the
18 reports submitted under this subparagraph and publish on the
19 department's internet site the compiled reports related to
20 students enrolled in the practitioner preparation program who
21 plan to teach in kindergarten through grade six.

22 Sec. 2. Section 279.68, subsection 1, Code 2024, is amended
23 by adding the following new paragraphs:

24 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* (1) Each school district shall provide
25 written notice to the parent or guardian of any student in
26 kindergarten through grade six who is not reading proficiently
27 of the student's level of reading or reading readiness. The
28 written notice shall contain a description of the parent's or
29 guardian's ability to request that the student be retained in
30 the student's current grade level for the subsequent school
31 year.

32 (2) A school district shall not promote a student who is
33 not reading proficiently to the next grade level, and shall
34 retain the student in the student's current grade level for the
35 subsequent school year, if the student's parent or guardian

1 submits to the school district a request that the student be
2 retained in the student's current grade level pursuant to
3 subparagraph (1).

4 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* A school district shall provide to
5 students in kindergarten through the end of grade six who are
6 not reading proficiently with personalized reading plans until
7 the student is reading at grade level, as determined by the
8 student's consistently proficient performance on valid and
9 reliable measures of reading ability.

10 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection 3,
11 shall not apply to this Act.>

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