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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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## Successful Progression for Early Readers

### Program Overview

Successful Progression for Early Readers requires school districts to provide intensive instructional services and supports to students with a substantial deficiency in reading. The appropriation is expended as State aid to school districts. To remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency, school districts must do the following:

- Provide a minimum of 90 minutes of daily scientific, research-based reading instruction and other strategies prescribed by the school district that may include but are not limited to the following:
  - Small group instruction.
  - Reduced teacher-student ratios.
  - More frequent progress monitoring.
  - Tutoring or mentoring.
  - Extended school day, week, or year.
- Inform the parent or guardian of academic and other progress being made by the student and give the parent or guardian other useful information at regular intervals.
- Provide the parent or guardian of a student identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading with a plan outlined in a parental contract, including participation in regular parent-guided home reading.
- Establish a reading enhancement and acceleration development initiative designed to offer intensive accelerated reading instruction to each kindergarten through third-grade student assessed as exhibiting a substantial deficiency in reading.
- Report to the Department of Education the specific intensive reading interventions and supports implemented by the school district. The Department will annually prescribe the components of required or requested reports.

### Funding

Funding for Successful Progression for Early Readers is provided by a General Fund appropriation. In FY 2014, the first year of funding, the General Fund appropriation was \$8.0 million. Currently, the appropriation is \$7.8 million.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [279.68](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281](#)

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### More Information

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