

**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date Prepared: 2024-01-30

Bill No: SB242

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Agency Name ECECD 611
and Code
Number:

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Short PRESCHOOL LITERACY
Title: PROGRAM ACT

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY24 | FY25 | | |
| NFI | NFI | | |
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REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

| Estimated Revenue | | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|-------------------|------|------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | | |
| NFI | NFI | NFI | | |
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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATION BUDGET (dollars in thousands)

| | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Total | | | | | | |

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

The Preschool Literacy Program Act will require the Early Childhood Education Division within ECECD to contract with program partners to provide one age appropriate book to each participating child under the age of 5. Books will be mailed to each participating child's home address. The goal of the program is to increase access to age-appropriate books statewide and increase the language and literacy skills of children entering kindergarten.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ECECD has seen successful outcomes in early literacy through programs similar to what this bill would create. Early reading builds critical literacy skills that lead to strong future readers including increased vocabulary and phonetic awareness. Reading to young children also builds relationships among parents and children, along with building the child's emotional, cognitive, and social skills.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None.

AMENDMENTS

None.