

Subject Literacy

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### Overview

This bill modifies Read Act definitions, ends the Department of Education's partnership with the University of Minnesota's Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement (CAREI) on June 30, 2025, and makes other changes.

### Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Title; the Read Act.</b> Adds subdivision establishing legislative intent of the Read Act.
2	<b>Read Act definitions; evidence-based.</b> Modifies definition of "evidence-based" to include "science of reading" and strike some portions of current definition.
3	<b>Read Act definitions; science-based reading research.</b> Defines "science-based reading research."
4	<b>Read Act implementation; Department of Education.</b> Ends the department's partnership with CAREI on June 30, 2025. Requires the department to complete Read Act implementation activities without CAREI's assistance.
5	<b>Read Act implementation partnership.</b> Ends the department's partnership with CAREI on June 30, 2025. Strikes the requirement that approved curriculum be culturally and linguistically responsive, and reflect diverse populations.
6	<b>Teacher and administrator preparation and performance data; report.</b> Requires reporting on teacher preparation program completers who pass the required teacher examination or performance assessment.

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7	<b>Teacher licensure assessment; tests.</b> Requires the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) to adopt rules requiring applicants for Tier 3 and Tier 4 licenses in elementary education to pass the examination or performance assessment of knowledge, skill, and ability to teach the science of reading.
8	<b>CAREI.</b> Modifies a 2023 session law appropriating funding for CAREI; appropriation would cancel back to the general fund on July 1, 2025.
9	<b>Culturally responsive materials.</b> Modifies a 2024 session law appropriating funding for culturally responsive materials; appropriation would cancel back to the general fund on July 1, 2025.
10	<b>CAREI paraprofessional and volunteer training.</b> Modifies a 2024 session law appropriating funding for CAREI to develop training for paraprofessional and volunteer training; appropriation would cancel back to the general fund on July 1, 2025.



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