

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 3198 Relating to early literacy**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Dembrow

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House Bill 3198 establishes the Early Literacy Success Initiative, the goals of which are to increase early literacy for children from birth through third grade, to reduce early literacy academic disparities, to help parents and guardians develop their children’s early literacy skills, and to increase the use of research-aligned methods to teach early literacy skills.

To accomplish these goals, the bill establishes three new grant programs: the Early Literacy Success School Grant program, the Birth Through Five Literacy Plan, and the Early Literacy Success Community Grant Program. Grant funds must be used for the benefit of students in prekindergarten through grade three, which is one of a number of the grant eligibility criteria in the bill. Other requirements include annual reporting on the program by school districts to the Department of Education, and monitoring and support required to be provided by ODE.

The Early Literacy Success School Grant program is a non-competitive grant program that requires a 25% cash match from participating school districts. There is a minimum grant amount for districts with fewer than 50 students, and small districts are encouraged to apply in consortia or with their education service district. For the other new programs, there are two budget notes that provide direction to Department of Early Literacy and Care on the implementation of the Birth Through Five Literacy Plan, and to ODE on the implementation of the Early Literacy Success Community Grant Program. After legislative

approval of these plans, funding is made available for the Birth Through Five Literacy Fund and the Early Literacy Success Community Grant Fund.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee approved the -A10 amendment, which funds the new programs created in the bill from the Fund for Student Success. It provides \$90 million to ODE from the Statewide Education Initiatives Account for the Early Literacy Success School grant program and \$4.3 million Other Funds expenditure limitation for 14 positions (12.88 FTE) to develop and administer the program. One dollar of Other Funds expenditure limitation is provided to establish the Early Literacy Success Community Grant program. For developing and administering the Birth Through Five Literacy Plan, \$567,592 Other Funds expenditure limitation and two positions (1.83 FTE) is allocated to the Department of Early Learning and Care from the Early Learning Account, and one dollar of Other Funds expenditure limitation is provided to establish the Birth Through Five Literacy Plan.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 3198 be amended by the –A10 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.