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Legislative Update

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Read Act Modifications - SF 771

Key Changes in Literacy Education
Policy (2025)

Overview of Senate File 771

Introduces significant changes to literacy instruction in Minnesota:

- Requires science-based reading instruction
- Eliminates ineffective methods (ie. three-cueing system)
- Expands teacher and paraprofessional training
- Strengthens assessment and intervention strategies



Teacher & Paraprofessional Training

- Requires structured literacy training for teachers, literacy leads, and specialists
- Mandates professional development for paraprofessionals providing Tier 2 interventions
- Ensures culturally responsive training and materials



Curriculum & Assessment Changes

- Department of Education must approve a list of evidence-based curricula
- Schools must use approved literacy screeners
- At least 15 evidence-based literacy intervention models must be identified by 2025
- Local literacy plans must align with state-approved assessments



Implementation Timeline

June 30, 2025: CAREI partnership ends; Department of Education takes full responsibility

July 1, 2025: Read Act modifications take effect

Nov. 1, 2025: Final list of literacy intervention models published



Parental Curriculum Review & Consent - SF 753

Key Changes in Minnesota Education
Policy (2025)

Overview of Senate File 753

Modifies requirements for:

- Parental curriculum review rights
- Written consent for sexual education instruction



Expanded Parental Curriculum Review

- Parents, guardians, and adult students (18+) can review all instructional materials
- Includes textbooks, videos, online resources, and printed content
- Schools must provide copies upon request
- Parents can arrange alternative instruction if they object to content



Written Consent for Sexual Education

- Schools **cannot** provide sexual education to minors without parental consent
- Parents/guardians must provide **written approval** for students to participate
- Increases parental control over sensitive curriculum topics



Implementation Timeline

Fall 2025: Effective for Minnesota schools starting in 2025



Senate File 0787

Modifying Open Meeting Law for Remote
Participation (2025)

Overview of SF 0787

- Amends Minnesota's Open Meeting Law
- Allows unlimited remote participation in government meetings

Key Changes In Law

1. Interactive technology must allow all participants to see and hear each other
2. At least one member must be physically present at the main location
3. All votes must be conducted via roll call



Public Notice Requirement

- The public must be notified of the meeting location, and that some members might be participating via interactive technology.

