

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2022 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2022 BR NUMBER 1024

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 226

TITLE AN ACT relating to early literacy education and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSOR Representative James Tipton

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
 LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Learning and Results Services (LARS)

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED _____

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES			\$15,000,000 - \$20,000,000	\$15,000,000
NET EFFECT			(\$15,000,000 - \$20,000,000)	(\$15,000,000)

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PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The Read to Succeed Act amends the Read to Achieve Act (2005 Ky Acts ch. 127) to include a multi-tiered system of supports, with additional specifications and requirements for the Kentucky Department of Education and local school districts.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The Read to Achieve (RTA) grant program, upon which this measure expands, has historically been funded by General Fund appropriations within the Kentucky Department of Education’s (KDE) Learning and Results Services appropriation unit. The RTA General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2021-2022 was \$15,936,600. The measure does not repurpose or reprioritize the RTA grant and it will continue, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, with no fiscal impact.

The measure’s requirements for KDE expand existing efforts in early childhood literacy in two areas: professional development and coaching. KDE estimates that the development and implementation costs of a supplemental statewide professional development program for early literacy, including teacher academies, would cost approximately \$10 million in fiscal year 2023-2024 and in fiscal years thereafter. The cost estimate for the program includes costs for licenses, facilitators, associated travel, printed training materials, and digital resources.

KDE further estimates the costs to implement an early literacy coaching program to range from \$5 million to \$10 million in fiscal year 2023-2024, based on the number of coaches, associated travel, and training materials. Combined estimated costs for both KDE requirements are \$15 million to \$20 million in fiscal year 2024, for which KDE anticipates can be supplemented with Federal pandemic relief funds. KDE projects \$15 million in costs for Read to Succeed programs in each fiscal year after implementation.

The measure also has specific requirements for local school districts for which any costs incurred would be paid by the districts.

DATA SOURCE(S): Kentucky Department of Education

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