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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the promotion of certain students with reading deficiencies not remedied by the end of third grade; provides exceptions.

Present law provides for early literacy assessments and interventions for students in grades kindergarten through third grade. Proposed law provides that if a student has been provided literacy interventions pursuant to present law and is determined to still have a reading deficiency, he shall be screened for learning impediments.

Proposed law, relative to third graders, provides the following:

- (1) Requires each student to take the literacy screener developed pursuant to present law during the spring semester. Provides that if results demonstrate a reading deficiency, the student shall be provided certain intensive instructional services.
- (2) Requires each student provided such services to retake the screener prior to the end of the school year and prohibits promotion to the fourth grade if he scores at the lowest achievement level in reading; however, allows the student to take the screener at least once more prior to the beginning of the next school year and provides for promotion if he scores above that level.

Proposed law, notwithstanding the above proposed law, allows promotion to fourth grade for good cause. Limits good-cause promotions to students who meet specific criteria and provides a process for determining if they are promoted. Requires that certain instructional services be provided to fourth graders promoted under these circumstances.

Proposed law, for students who are not promoted to fourth grade, requires parental notification and certain instructional services.

Proposed law requires BESE to adopt rules for proposed law implementation and provides for proposed law implementation beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

(Adds R.S. 17:24.11)