Legislation



SB21-151:

Literacy Curriculum Transparency

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Overview:

SB21-151 amended the "Colorado Read Act" to require each local education provider, including charter schools, to submit certain information to the Department of Education. This information includes the school's core and supplemental reading curriculum, the core reading instructional programs, the number of Kindergarten students enrolled in READ, and the local education provider's READ Act budget and explanation for how they intend to use the money.

School Impact:

The bill will increase workload for LEPs to provide requested information to the CDE and post a link to their website.

This law seeks to increase school's transparency regarding reading programs. The law now requires school districts to publicly share what curriculum they are using to teach reading, how they spend their Reading to Ensure Academic Development (READ) Act dollars, and how many kids are on READ Plans.