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HOUSE BILL NO. 332

FLOOR AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by Delegate Hope
on February 10, 2020)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Hope)

A BILL to require the Department of Education to develop and implement a two-year pilot program to administer certain reading diagnostic tests and provide certain instruction.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Department of Education shall develop and implement a geographically representative two-year pilot program to administer reading diagnostic tests that include all components of a normed rapid automatized naming test. Each local school division in the pilot program shall provide evidence-based instruction, including structured literacy instruction, to students in kindergarten through grade three who fall below the benchmark on any such reading diagnostic test or demonstrate deficiencies based on their individual performance on the Standards of Learning reading test. The Department of Education shall report to the Governor and General Assembly, no later than December 1, 2022, on the outcomes of the pilot program and the necessary resources for statewide implementation of such tests and instruction.

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