

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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| CODE:      | <u>SLA-01</u>           |
| COMMITTEE: | <u>SLA</u>              |
| DATE:      | <u>December 2, 2025</u> |

**SUBJECT/TITLE**

Revisions to the *Read to Succeed Implementation Guidelines for Endorsements and Course Approval Document*

**PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM**

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) recommends revisions to the *Read to Succeed Implementation Guidelines for Endorsements and Course Approval* guidance document. Revisions include Scrivener errors and providing guidance on a new literacy endorsement for Childhood Early Reading and Development Program (CERDEP) 4K teachers, as required by Proviso 1A.74 of the South Carolina General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025–26.

**CRITICAL FACTS**

Act 114 authorizes the State Board to “approve guidelines on an annual basis for professional development, coursework, certification, and endorsement requirements for teachers of early childhood and elementary education, including special education teachers, interventionists, reading specialists, and administrators, whose responsibilities, either directly or indirectly, substantially relate to reading and literacy instruction, support, or interventions” (S.C. Code Ann. § 59-155-180 (C) (4)). The original guidelines were approved by the State Board of Education in February 2025.

**REVISIONS INCLUDE:**

- P. 12 – Scrivener’s error – July 1, 2024, changed to July 1, 2025.
- P. 14 – New endorsement for CERDEP teachers for Proviso 1A.74 of the 2025-26 legislative session.
- P. 19 – Literacy Competencies clarifying statement regarding which standards should be included in each course.
- P. 22 – Scrivener’s error – Reading Coach Endorsement changed to Literacy Coach Endorsement.
- P. 23 – Scrivener’s error – R2S Reading Specialist Endorsement changed to R2S Literacy Specialist Endorsement.
- P. 24 – Course update to include Education Leadership to earn the R2S Literacy Specialist Endorsement.

- P. 26 – Scrivener’s error – August 1, 2025, changed to August 1.
- P. 27 – Scrivener’s error – August 1, 2025, changed to August 1.
- P. 27 – Scrivener’s error – Paragraph shifted out of timeline matrix.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

**COST:** N/A

**FUND/SOURCE:** N/A

## ATTACHMENTS

**Attachments:** ☒ yes ☐ no  
**(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)**

**Name of Attachments:** *Read to Succeed Implementation Guidelines for Endorsements and Course Approval* Guidance Document

## RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends revisions to the *Read to Succeed Implementation Guidelines for Endorsements and Course Approval* Guidance Document to meet requirements of Act 114.

## ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL:

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

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