

**To: Members of the State Board of
Education & Early Development**

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Agenda Item: 3

◆ ISSUE

The board will be briefed on implementation efforts underway related to the Alaska Reads Act.

◆ BACKGROUND

- The 32nd Alaska State Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 114, Education: Schools; Funding; Programs, also known as the Alaska Reads Act, that became law on July 15, 2022 (Chapter 40, SLA 2022). The effective date of this new law is July 1, 2023.
- The Alaska Reads Act created four new programs in the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED): an early education grant program; a department reading program; a district reading improvement program; and a virtual education consortium.
- The board will be briefed on implementation efforts underway.
- Governor's Office staff will be present to brief the board.

◆ OPTIONS

This is an information update. No action is required.