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2023 Wisconsin Act 20, relating to early literacy instruction, curriculum, and assessments, requires certain public school staff and University of Wisconsin System faculty to receive professional development training in science-based learning instruction offered by particular providers.

Assembly Bill 1069 expands the list of providers who can offer the training to include cooperative educational service agencies (CESAs) that have at least two years of experience conducting literacy trainings on science-based early reading instruction for principals, administrators, and literacy teams.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 exempts public schools from complying with requirements to administer literacy assessments and create personalized reading plans for students at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, but maintains the requirements to do so in the middle and at the end of the school year.

Specifically, the amendment requires that public schools administer the 4K fundamental skills reading assessment once during the 2024-25 school year, which must occur between January 1, 2025 and 45 days before the end of the school year. The amendment also requires schools to administer universal screenings for 5K to third grade students once in the middle of the school term, and again at least 45 days before the end of the school year.

Schools must also administer a diagnostic assessment within 10 days after a student scores below the 25th percentile on a universal assessment administered in the middle of the term, and beginning on January 1, 2025, must administer a diagnostic assessment within 20 days after a teacher or parent requests one for a student suspected of having dyslexia.

Finally, under the amendment, the requirement for schools to create a personalized reading plan within 10 days for a student who scores below the 25^{th} percentile on either a universal screening or diagnostic assessment first applies after assessments administered in the middle or at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representative Kitchens on February 9, 2024. On February 14, 2024, the Assembly Committee on Education adopted Assembly Amendment 2 and passed the bill, as amended on votes of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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