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Governor Mike Dunleavy
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January 16, 2024

The Honorable Cathy Tilton
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to screening reading deficiencies and providing reading intervention services to public school students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three.

This bill would make two amendments to the Alaska Reads Act (Chapter 40, SLA 2022 (HB 114)) designed to assist school districts with implementation of literacy screening assessments and scheduling of non-progression meetings with parents. The first change would align the Act's literacy screening requirements with best practices by requiring administration of the assessment three times a year for all students in grades kindergarten through three. The second change adjusts the statutory timeline for administration of the spring literacy screener to accommodate school district calendars by adjusting the time period during which the spring assessment and parent meeting are scheduled.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "mike dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure