

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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1. It is my understanding, after discussing the bill proposal with Sara Tarver, that you want school districts to administer the screening test of phonological awareness and not the comprehensive test of phonological processing. Because the test of phonological awareness is a generic test, Ms. Tarver recommended that I use the term "standardized" when describing it. You may wish to have DPI determine by rule what a standardized test means.

2. You may also want to consider requiring DPI to administer the test to ensure uniformity. If so, you may wish to consider appropriating money for this purpose. If you decide to have DPI simply report the results of the test to the legislature, as it is required to do in this draft, you may wish to increase the appropriation under s. 20.255 (1) (a) to cover the reporting costs.

3. Under this draft, school boards must administer the test. Do you want to exempt from the revenue limits the costs of administering the test?

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