AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR READING PROFICIENCY BY THE END OF THIRD GRADE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] STUDENT READING REQUIREMENT.--A student who fails to read independently by the end of the third grade shall not be promoted to the fourth grade until the student reads independently."

Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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