

**HB 2036 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Establishes the "ready to read" community assistance program in the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The purpose of the program is to encourage local public-private partnerships that enhance preliteracy and reading readiness efforts. The responsibilities of the program shall include but need not be limited to: (1) The preparation and dissemination of one or more models to stimulate community support for preliteracy foundations;

(2) The stimulation of community efforts to introduce parents of newborn children to the importance of reading to their children and other preliteracy activities; and

(3) The stimulation of efforts to educate parents and guardians of preschool age children about child development and literacy.