

## S.F. No. 3164 – Regional Centers of Excellence

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### Section 1. Regional Centers of Excellence.

**Subdivision 2.** Requires the regional centers of excellence to prioritize reading using scientifically based research.

**Subdivision 3.** Requires the regional centers of excellence to be led by LETRS-certified reading professionals employed by the Department of Education.

**Subdivision 4.** Requires the regional centers of excellence to work with independent contractor LETRS-certified regional literacy support directors to improve low reading scores in schools.

**Section 2. Leadership.** Requires a dyslexia specialist to provide leadership for the regional center of excellence.

**Section 3. Appropriation; Department of Education.** Appropriates an additional \$700,000 in fiscal year 2023 to provide grants to the regional centers of excellence to contract with a regional literacy support director.

**Effective Date:** Makes the section effective July 1, 2022.