

Act 284, [Read to Succeed](#), was signed into law on June 11, 2014. The purpose of the legislation is to improve literacy rates of the students in South Carolina.

The legislation requires that, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, a student must be retained in the third grade if the student fails to demonstrate reading proficiency at the end of third grade as indicated by scoring at the lowest achievement level on the state summative reading assessment that equates to Not Met 1 on the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY) test. A student may be exempt for good cause from the mandatory retention but shall continue to receive instructional support and services and reading intervention appropriate for their age and reading level.

For additional information please visit <http://ed.sc.gov/third-grade-retention/>