

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHAPTER 15. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION SUBCHAPTER 27. READING SUFFICIENCY ACT

- a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

The Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA) rules must be updated to incorporate statutory changes made by Senate Bill 630 (2015). Proposed changes to the rules include the addition of State Board-approved screening instruments as a means of demonstrating reading competency following completion of a Summer Academy Reading Program, and clarification that only scores from the reading comprehension and vocabulary portions of the third grade criterion-reference test shall be used in promotion and retention decisions. An additional good cause exemption for promotion is added for students who have been granted a medical emergency exemption during the testing window when the student's class takes the third grade criterion-referenced test. A new rule, "Program of reading instruction", outlines the duties of Student Reading Proficiency Teams.
- b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**

The proposed changes will affect school districts, students in kindergarten through third grade, and some students who receive services under the RSA beyond fourth grade.
- c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**

The proposed changes will benefit students in kindergarten through third grade, and some students who receive services under the RSA beyond fourth grade.
- d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
- e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.
- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.
- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**

The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

- h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

No.

- i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

- j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

- k. **Date Prepared:** January 4, 2016