

HB 2152 -- Academic Accountability in St. Louis Schools

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This bill changes the laws regarding public schools in St. Louis under the Special Administrative Board. The requirement to hold back all third through eighth grade students who are reading more than one grade level lower than their assigned grades is replaced with the promotion and reading level requirements in Section 167.645, RSMo; and the bill specifies that the promotion and reading grade levels will be the primary responsibility of the accountability officer. The officer's duties are specifically focused on reading. The officer will report to the special board and district patrons at least four times a year and the Joint Committee on Education every January on the district's progress toward its reading goals, propose professional development programs, work with the district's teachers on achieving reading goals, schedule public meetings to explain assessment results, and work as a liaison with community groups to coordinate literacy efforts.