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Check postandcourier.com/boeing today for updates to this story and for more coverage.

Reading would rule

Proposal calls for holding back third-graders who fall short



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Pinckney Elementary School associate reading teacher Khryshawn Harshaw works with a third-grader on his reading and comprehension skills Monday morning.

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Reading by third grade could become one of South Carolina's top-education priorities under a new proposal.

The Read to Succeed Act aims to strengthen the state's emphasis on reading in pre-kindergarten to 12th grades, and it requires third-graders to be held back if they're not reading on grade level.

State lawmakers and educators say the research is clear: One in six children who aren't reading proficiently by third grade don't graduate from high

school on time.

"It's just common sense," said Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler, R-Gaffney, who is the bill's primary sponsor. "I can't believe we're not already doing this. Social promotion doesn't work."

The proposal seems likely to move forward. In addition to Peeler, its supporters include lawmakers on the Senate's education committees and the state Education Oversight Committee. Peeler called it "about as much (political) muscle as you can have."

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By the numbers

State officials estimated 2,800 of the state's roughly 52,000 third-graders could be held back for failing to demonstrate grade-level reading proficiency. Grade-level reading proficiency is defined as the worst readers among those scoring "not met" on the state exam.

—Source: S.C. Education Oversight Committee, S.C. Dept. of Education

The following are the total percentage of each school district's third-graders who scored "not met" in English/language arts in 2012.

Berkeley	14.7%
Charleston	18%
Dorchester 2	12.1%
Dorchester 4	12.7%

King slayings trial to begin

Family, friends travel to island

BY GLENN SMITH
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MAHO BEACH, ST. MAARTEN — When Denise Stuard learned last year that she had breast cancer, she viewed the disease as a death sentence that would take her down.

That is, until she confided in her friend, Thelma King of Mount Pleasant, on the beach one day in February. King told her she didn't have to die, that she could fight back and conquer the cancer. Then, King spent months being the rock Stuard could lean on for support as she endured surgeries and chemotherapy.

"She had the soul of someone who really, really cared," Stuard said, choking back tears. "The last words I remember her telling me were, 'You are a strong woman and you will beat this cancer.'"

She was right. Stuard is now in remission and her thoughts often travel to her friend, who died the day after offering Stuard those final words.

King, 57, and her husband, Michael, 53, were found stabbed to death in their beachfront condominium on Sept. 21, the victims of an apparent robbery gone bad.

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Michael and Thelma King



Margot Strauss Freudenberg died Monday. She was 105.

Holocaust survivor leaves legacy of hope, love

BY STEPHANIE HARVIN
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She was an educated Jewish woman with a degree in physical therapy when she was interrogated by the Nazis on Nov. 10, 1938, the day after Kristallnacht — the beginning of the Holocaust.

For an entire day she stood while being questioned, speaking only when

spoken to and not complaining about being tired, hungry or needing to use the bathroom. Finally, her inquisitors kicked her out on the street with other Jewish women, saying she was too brave. Together, the women were forced to scrub anti-Semitic graffiti off the streets with toothbrushes.

When they didn't work quickly enough, they were beaten with whips

Inside

Funeral arrangements. B4

and rifle butts.

By 1938, "Margit" as she pronounced her name, was married to Walter Freudenberg, had a young son named Henry and was living through Hitler's

reign of terror. She told a reporter in 1992 that if she closed her eyes she could still see truckloads of Jewish brothers and sisters being taken off to concentration camps. But it wasn't her fate. Margot Strauss Freudenberg died Monday at 105, leaving a legacy of hope and love in place of the hatred

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happened on saturday near st. philip and liberty streets. that victim says three men got out of a grey van and yelled at her. governor nikki haley will make a stop in downtown charleston today. this afternoon governor will speak at the speednews aerospace manufacturing conference... hosted by the charleston place hotel. the conference will bring together the leaders of major manufacturers and suppliers in the aerospace industry, including boeing. this helps company directors gain a better understanding of certain aspects in the aerospace manufacturing industry. covering news at your school right now... today you get a



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our top story this half hour. boeing will add 2- thousand more jobs to its north charleston plant by 2020. boeing has told governor nikki haley and state lawmakers, that it will be investing another billion dollars at the facility. the company's growth plans are expected to be unveiled today in a bill....in the general assembly. it'll include 120 million dollars to offset boeing's upfront expansion costs. lawmakers have been told the company will build an information technology center that would create about 1-thousand jobs. the rest would be made up of 787 engineers and production workers. meanwhile... governor haley will be speaking today at an aerospace manufacturing



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Good Morning Charleston

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couple are due in court today. the murder trial in st. maarten is expected to last two days. michael and thelma king were stabbed to death last year. they were in the process of setting up a rum factory. governor nikki haley says boeing is planning to create 2-thousand new jobs at it's north charleston plant. she says the aerospace giant will also invest 1-billion dollars. the expansion will happen by 20-20. meantime, united says it's putting the dreamliner back on the schedule for service next month. the funeral for former british prime minister margaret thatcher will be held next wednesday the 17th. thatchers body was removed from a london hotel today. she died from a stroke monday. she was 87.

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governor nikki haley says boeing is planning to invest one-billion dollars at its north charleston plant. plant.it will create two-thousand new jobs...but it wont happen overnight. overnight.haley says the expansion at the 7-87 assembly facility will happen by 2020. house speaker bobby harrell and state senator "hugh leatherman" say they will co-sponsor legislation providing 120-million dollars to offset boeing's up front expansion costs. 3

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While details were scant, lawmakers have been told the company will establish an information technology "center of excellence" in North Charleston that would create about 1,000 jobs. The rest would be made up of 787 engineers and production employees.

An operations center for the 747 Dreamlifter cargo jet that delivers 787 components and a new paint facility also are part of the proposal.

"I believe you'll see they'll be adding other enterprises," said state Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt, who stressed "there's no talk" about building an entirely different aircraft in North Charleston.

Boeing is pushing to boost its 787 assembly rate in South Carolina to three Dreamliners a month by the end of the year, but the latest expansion suggests that number could go higher.

House Speaker Bobby Harrell, R-Charleston, and state Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, said they will co-sponsor a bill providing \$120 million to offset some of Boeing's upfront expansion costs, such as site preparation work and utility expenses. The money would be raised by selling state-backed bonds, they said Monday.

Both lawmakers expect the bill to pass and for Haley to sign it into law.

“The takeaway is that Boeing is doing very well in South Carolina, and South Carolina is doing very well because of Boeing,” Harrell said. “So both of us want to expand its presence dramatically.”

He said the company is looking past the battery issues that have grounded the 787. Boeing said Friday that a demonstration flight that day marked the completion of the testing required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

“My goodness, Boeing is a company that thinks decades into the future, so the battery issue is something they’ll have to deal with, but they’re planning way beyond that right now,” Harrell said.

Haley and Harrell predicted that the job and investment estimates Boeing has provided are conservative based on its past track record in South Carolina.

Boeing announced in late 2009 that North Charleston would become the site of its first commercial aircraft assembly plant outside of Washington state. By that point, Boeing had already purchased a pair of troubled 787 fuselage suppliers that had built factories at the airport.

In all, it committed to invest \$750 million and create 3,600 jobs in exchange for an incentives package valued at \$450 million.

“As it turned out, Boeing seriously under promised and over delivered,” Harrell said.

Leatherman, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said the company and the state have been talking about its growth plans informally as far back as 2010.

The terms of “phase two” expansion began to take shape about three weeks ago. Leatherman, who helped craft the original legislation that landed Boeing’s assembly plant, said he has “long suspected” the company would add onto its South Carolina operations.

“I didn’t realize it would come quite this fast,” he said.

Leatherman also called the projection of 2,000 jobs as low.

“Frankly, I suspect 2,000 more to follow,” he said.

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