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Forum Freedom Alert

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We Need Read to Succeed ***Please call your Legislator today!***

Over the last year, we've shared many ways that South Carolina can begin to unleash high-quality education opportunity for every student.

One key reform: a laser-focus on 3rd grade reading.

Far too many of South Carolina's children are failing to learn this skill that is essential to success in school and life. Right now, as the South Carolina Legislature returns for its last week of regular work, a bill modeled on Florida's highly successful K-3 reading program is sitting in the South Carolina House waiting final passage.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please **call your House member** and **House Speaker Bobby Harrell** TODAY and let them know that we need "Read to Succeed." *(Not sure who your South Carolina House Member is? Find out here.)*

We simply can't afford to waste two more years and the future of the thousands of children who stand to benefit from this proven policy.

PLEASE CALL TODAY!

DID YOU KNOW

- Children who are not reading proficiently in 3rd grade are 4 times more likely to not graduate high school.
- Below basic readers are almost 6 times more likely than proficient readers to not finish high school on time.

- Poor, Black, and Hispanic students who are struggling readers are about 8 times more likely than proficient readers to drop out of high school.
- 51% of low income 4th grade students and 40% of all 4th grade students cannot read at even a basic level.

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