The DOE Rules pertaining to this Legislation along with FAQs are on the PEA website: www.polkea.org.

**The biggest two changes to date are:**
1. that teachers can earn the reading endorsement if they pass the Reading Certification test.
2. that only teachers who are delivering intensive reading interventions (or summer reading camp) must be certified or endorsed in reading (as a general education teacher).

**Other DOE Rules Explained:**
- If a teacher is assigned out of field and is delivering intensive reading to students with an identified reading deficiency, or assigned a reading course to teach, they must take two of the certification/competency courses each year until they are certified.
- When DOE decides which outside certification programs in Reading are acceptable, there will be another way to earn a certificate, but DOE has not yet identified any programs that meet their requirements.

**40 Hour Professional Certificate Renewal:**
- The certificate renewal issue is a different from the reading endorsement. It is about five years away from taking effect. (Note the “beginning validity period” highlighted below.)

- When a teacher applies to renew their professional certificates in 2025 and after, they will need to have taken two credit hours (or 40 hours of professional development) in the use of explicit, systematic and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonemic awareness and implementing multisensory intervention strategies. It applies to teachers with a professional certificate with a beginning validity period of July 1, 2020. The Bureau of Educator Certification will issue additional guidance on this topic.

- The certification areas that require the 2 credit hours (40 hours of in-service) are:
  - Elementary Education (K-6), Prekindergarten/Primary Education (age 3-grade 3), Elementary Education (grades 1-6), Primary Education (grades K-3), English (grades 1-6), Middle Grades English (grades 5-9), Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (grades 5-9), English (6-12), Reading (K-12), Reading (Endorsement), and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (grades K-12)