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English Language Arts Standards

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**The Background:**

In 2016, the State Board adopted revised English Language Arts standards. Over the 2018 calendar year, Board staff and the Department collaborated with a select group of original standards writers to refine the introduction and appendix to the standards document in order to provide additional clarity and guidance for teachers in implementing the standards effectively. No changes were made to the standards themselves.

First reading for this item occurred in July 2018. Since then, changes have been limited to the introduction and appendices rather than the standards themselves.

**The Recommendation:**

The Department of Education recommends approval of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.