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SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 8.30: Office of Learning Research to Develop Mathematics Curriculum.

Analysis of: S.L. 2026-41, Sec. 8.30

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Section 8.30 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) directs the Office of Learning Research at the North Carolina Collaboratory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (OLR) to acquire a mathematics curriculum for use in kindergarten through eighth grade developed by another state and adapt and align it to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study (Standard Course of Study). In addition, OLR must produce training materials to train teachers in the implementation of the curriculum and instructional materials developed.

During the 2026-2027 fiscal year, OLR must do the following:

- Acquire curriculum developed by another state for use in kindergarten through eighth grade mathematics instruction and adapt it to align with the Standard Course of Study.
- Produce any curriculum and instructional materials needed for implementation in classrooms in the State.
- Produce training materials for use by teachers in public school units (PSUs) in the State.
- Contract with third parties to assist in completion of these requirements.
- During the 2027-2028 fiscal year, OLR must do the following:
- Continue to align the acquired curriculum with the Standard Course of Study and develop instructional materials and training materials.
- Provide professional development on the implementation of curriculum and instructional materials to teachers in the PSUs, as practicable.
- Develop an online open educational resource hub for providing access to teacher guides, curriculum and instructional materials, pacing guides, formative assessments, and notes on revisions made to the adapted curriculum and instructional materials.

By June 15, 2028, OLR must report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the following:

- The process of the acquisition, adaptation, and production of the curriculum and materials.
- The progress of developing the online open educational resource hub.
- A plan to develop a pilot program for the implementation of the use of the curriculum and instructional materials in a select number of PSUs beginning with the 2028-2029 school year, if funds are made available for that purpose.

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Of the funds appropriated to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to be allocated to the North Carolina Collaboratory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, OLR must use up to \$10 million dollars in nonrecurring funds to acquire, adapt, and produce the curriculum, instructional materials, and training materials as required by this section.

This section became effective July 1, 2026.