



## Legislation Text

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**Title:**  
**Read Charlotte**

### **Summary**

#### **ACTION:**

**Receive a presentation from Munro Richardson, Read Charlotte Executive Director, highlighting its progress towards improving children's literacy from birth to third grade**

**Staff Contact:** Michael A. Bryant, Management & Budget Director

**Presentation:** Yes

#### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

**Read Charlotte is a community initiative that unites families, educators and community partners to improve children's literacy from birth to third grade with a goal of doubling reading proficiency from 39% to 80%. Reading proficiency at third grade is a critical predictor of school, career and life success. Children who are not reading at grade level by third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school.**

**Read Charlotte does not operate programs. The organization uses research, data, funding and policy to integrate, coordinate and align the work of organizations across Charlotte-Mecklenburg to better serve children and families in our community. Read Charlotte shares a part in providing all children across our community a fair chance to learn to read well by third grade.**

**As part of the FY2016 Adopted Budget, the Board approved \$500,000 in funding to support Read Charlotte. The funding will be allocated in increments of \$100,000 over a consecutive 5 year period.**

#### **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:**

**N/A**

#### **POLICY IMPACT:**

**N/A**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  
**N/A**