Evaluating the Impact of TDOE's Early Reading Training (ERT) on the 2021-2022 TN-URS Grades K-1 Performance

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ERT Course I

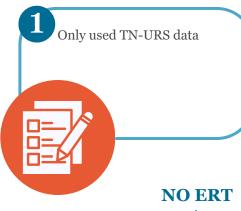
ERT Course II

- Not mandated until August 2023
- 30 hrs training
- Pass the summative assessment with 80% or better
- Prerequisite for Course II

- · Never mandated
- Additional 30 hrs training
- Pass the summative task with 80% or better



Study Limitations



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Only examined students in Grades K-1

- This is the best time to prevent reading difficulties
- Students had limited prior instruction in reading

Only examined students performing at the 40th percentile or below on TN-URS

• Tennessee Literacy Success Act (TLSA) most concerned with improving numbers of students reading proficiently

NO ERT Course I Course I + II

1.161 teachers 232 teachers 1,323 teachers

Implications



- ERT Course I led to stronger outcomes for at-risk
- readers than ERT II Course.
 At-risk readers in Grades K-1 whose teachers completed ERT training significantly outperformed their peers taught by teachers who did not participate in ERT.

Results

- Results supported the TLSA policy decision to require
- ERT Course I only.
 Completing the ERT training was effective at improving the TN-URS performance of K-1 students who were at risk of reading difficulties at the beginning of the year.
- The state might consider moving the application-based Course II into the regular academic year when teachers can put their learning into practice.