

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB970**

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**Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB970 would expand the services covered under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services program to include a program of early literacy promotion and intervention during well-child visits for children from birth through five years of age. The early literacy promotion and intervention program shall include evidence-based screening, referral, and provision of materials and guidance related to age-appropriate literacy development for children enrolled in the medical assistance program as an extension of standard well-child care.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Dunixi Guereca**