

Early Literacy Component Updates

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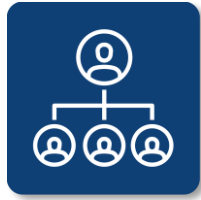
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Agenda



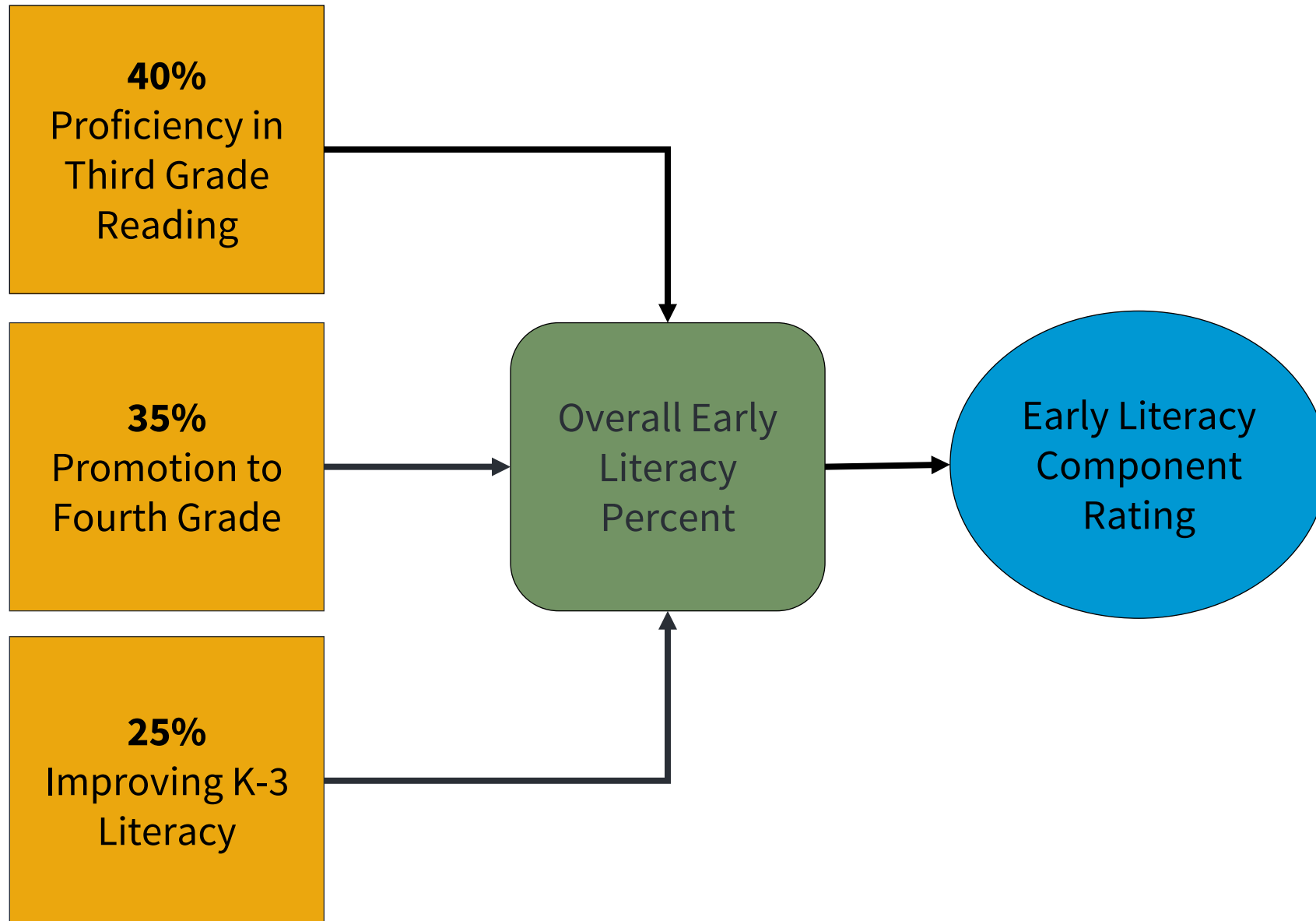
- Early Literacy Component background information
- House Bill 96 changes to the Early Literacy Component
- Department's response to the House Bill 96 changes
- Rating scale adjustments
- Moving forward

EARLY LITERACY COMPONENT

[Ohio Revised Code Section 3302.03](#)

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 - Improving K-3 literacy
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Changed as part of the House Bill 96 (the budget bill) in October 2025

PROMOTION TO FOURTH GRADE MEASURE

Previous Promotion to Fourth Grade Language

- The percentage of students in a district or building who are **promoted to the fourth grade and not subject to retention** under division (A)(2) of section [3313.608](#) of the Revised Code

House Bill 96 Promotion to Fourth Grade Language

- The percentage of students in a district or building who are **promoted to the fourth grade based on the student's score on the third grade English language arts assessment** under division (A)(3) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code **or demonstrate competency on an alternative assessment** under division (A)(2)(c) of section [3313.608](#) of the Revised Code

WHO COUNTS AS PROMOTED TO FOURTH GRADE

2024-2025 REPORT CARD

- ELA score of 700 or higher
- Reading score of 50 or higher
- Meets cut score on an alternative assessment
- IEP exemption
- Previously retained in K-3 grade
- Parent request

HOUSE BILL 96 LANGUAGE

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Note: Students who participate in the AASCD and EL students in the US less than three years are excluded from this measure per state law and Ohio's ESSA plan.

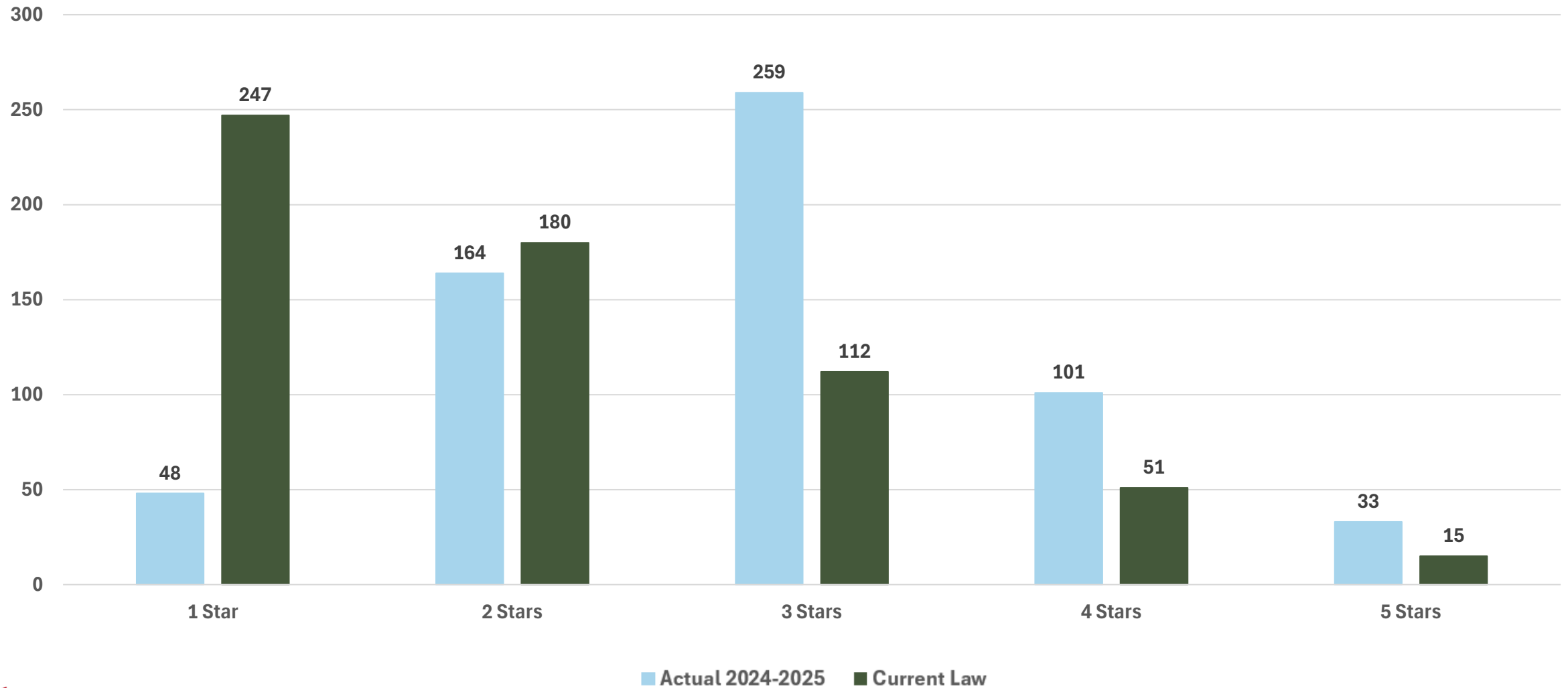
EARLY LITERACY COMPONENT RATING SCALE (2024-2025)

- [Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-28-07](#)
 - Early literacy component and measures
- [Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-28-10](#)
 - Ratings for schools and districts

EARLY LITERACY COMPONENT RATING SCALE AND DESCRIPTIONS		
Score Range	Rating	Rating Description
Greater than or equal to 88%	5 Stars	Significantly exceeds state standards in early literacy
Greater than or equal to 78% but less than 88%	4 Stars	Exceeds state standards in early literacy
Greater than or equal to 68% but less than 78%	3 Stars	Meets state standards in early literacy
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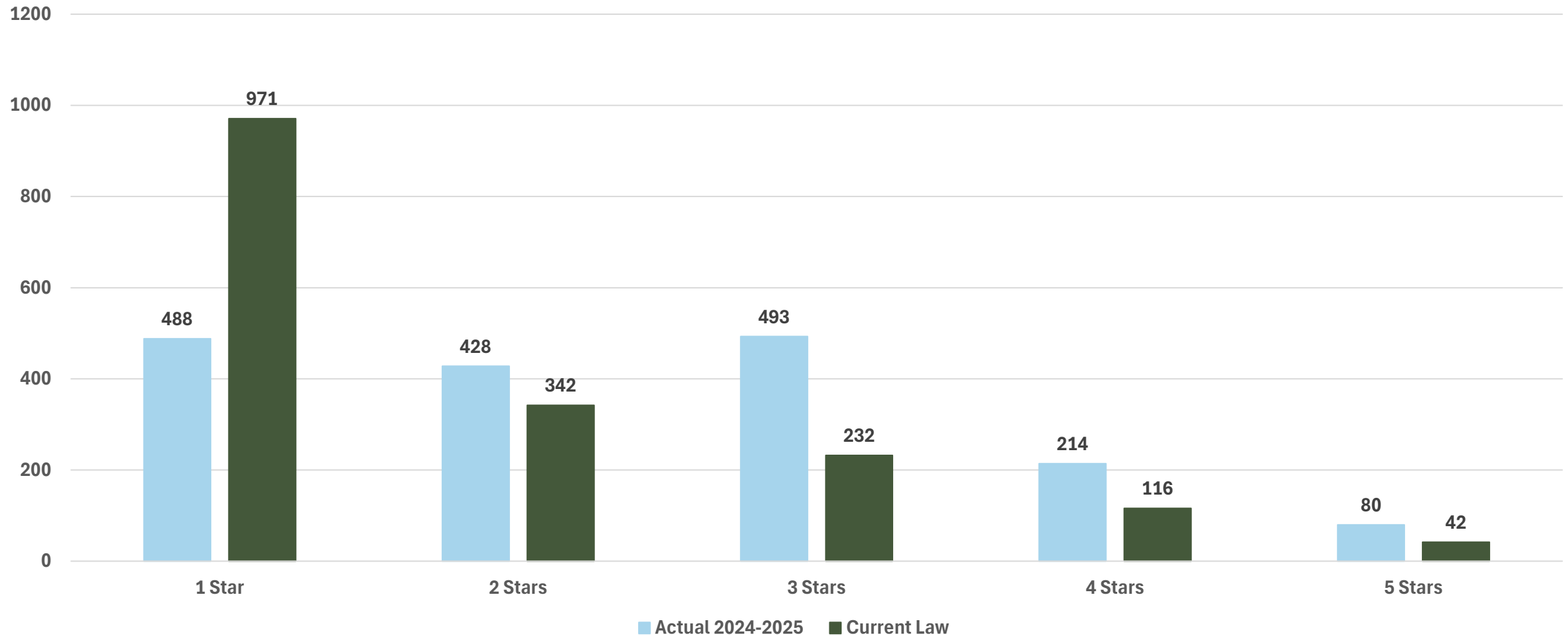
DISTRICT RATINGS SIMULATION

Actual 2024-2025 district early literacy ratings compared to simulated ratings if the House Bill 96 language were applied to the 2024-2025 report card.



SCHOOL RATINGS SIMULATION

Actual 2024-2025 school early literacy ratings compared to simulated ratings if the House Bill 96 language were applied to the 2024-2025 report card.



HOUSE BILL 96 IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS

- Significant impact on early literacy ratings if scale not changed
- Two of the three measures are nearly identical (proficiency in 3rd grade reading and promotion to 4th grade if students are proficient in ELA)
- Proficiency in 3rd grade reading/ELA thereby comprises 75% of the Early Literacy component
- Confusion for parents and stakeholders as to “Promotion to Fourth Grade” percentage on the report card
- Potential shift of focus to testing versus instruction

EARLY LITERACY COMPONENT ACTION PLAN

The Department took a proactive two prong approach to address the changes in House Bill 96 and ensure that Early Literacy ratings accurately reflected performance:

- Actively supported new legislation that would have changed the House Bill 96 language back to the original Promotion to Fourth Grade language (preferred option).
- Began the process to change the Early Literacy rating scale should legislation not be enacted in time.

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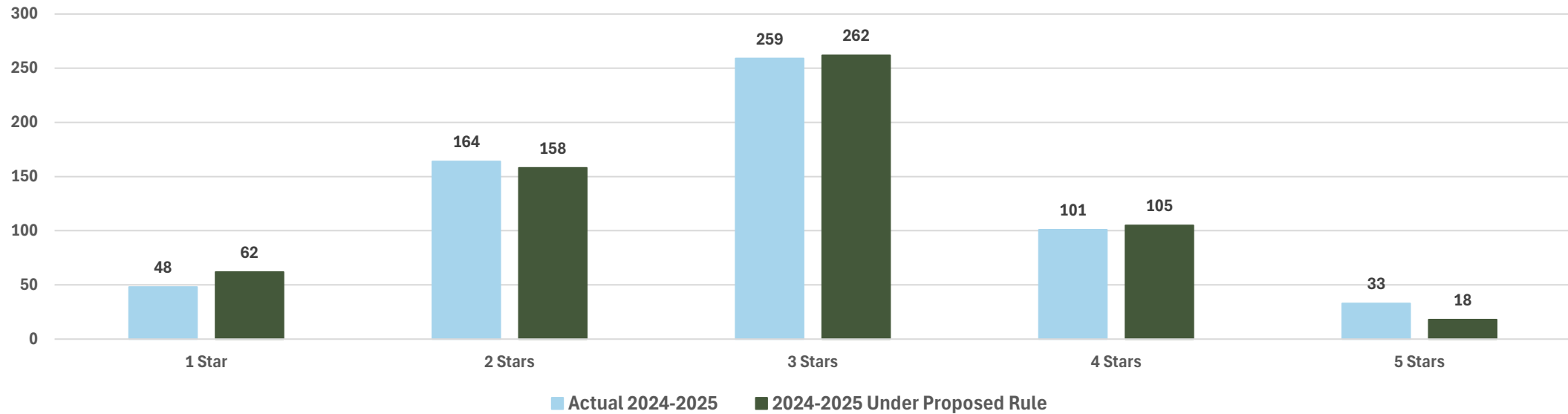
EARLY LITERACY RATING SCALE CHANGE

- A comprehensive review of early literacy data was conducted to inform a new rating scale, examining distribution, variability, averages, expectations, and scale alternatives.

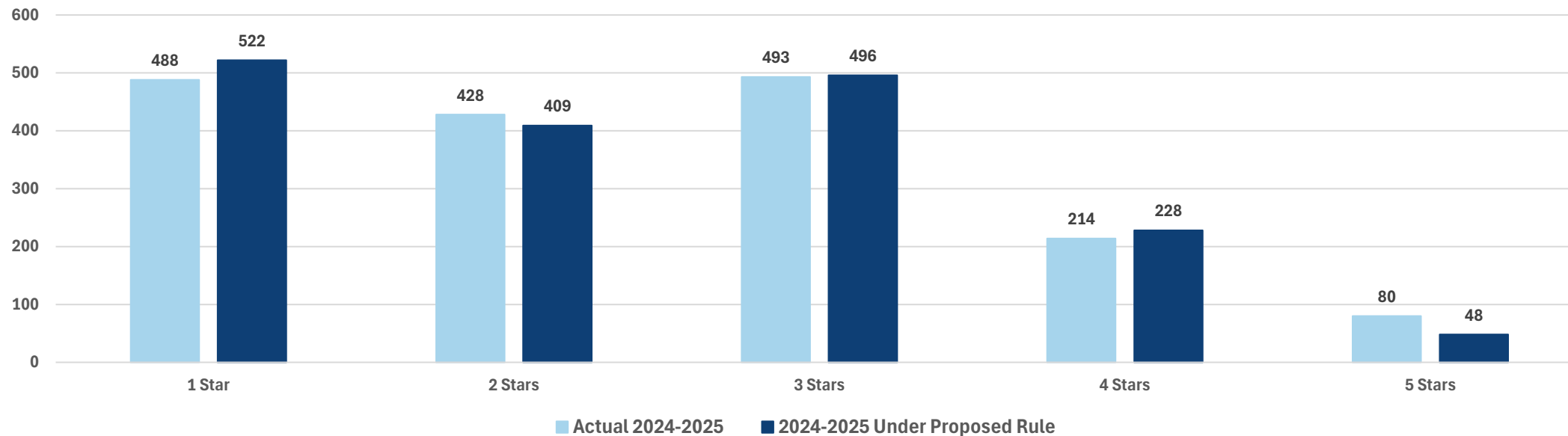
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Proposed Rule Rating Scale	Rating
89% - 100%	5 Stars
75% - less than 89%	4 Stars
61% - less than 75%	3 Stars
47% - less than 61%	2 Stars
0%- less than 47%	1 Star

District Distribution Simulation – Proposed Rating Scale



School Distribution Simulation – Proposed Rating Scale



EARLY LITERACY COMPONENT ACTION PLAN REVISITED

- Legislation was not enacted in time to change the House Bill 96 language back to the original Promotion to Fourth Grade language.
- The rule change process is underway for both [Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-28-07](#) (to align rules with HB96) and [Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-28-10](#) (to adjust the Early Literacy Component ratings for schools and districts. **The new rule is set to be effective on 08/31/2026.**
- Planned revisions on the report card website and the Secure Data Center
- Resource updates: Early Literacy Technical Document, recorded webinar, additional supports as needed

WEBSITE CHANGES

Measure
Proficiency In Third Grade Reading
Promotion to Fourth Grade
Improving K-3 Literacy
Early Literacy Component

Measure
Proficiency In Third Grade Reading
Promotion to Fourth Grade by Meeting Test Score Requirements
Improving K-3 Literacy
Early Literacy Component

EARLY LITERACY COMPONENT RESOURCES

- [Early Literacy Component Technical Documentation](#)
- [House Bill 96 Early Literacy Component Language](#)
- [Early Literacy Component Updates Overview Document](#)

QUESTIONS?

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