

APPROPRIATION FOR ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Beverly Ann Evans

AN ACT RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; PROVIDING A \$300,000 APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE OFFICE OF REHABILITATION TO PURCHASE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES AND SERVICES UNDER RULES MADE BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

53A-24-110.7, as enacted by Chapter 403, Laws of Utah 1998

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53A-24-110.7** is amended to read:

53A-24-110.7. Appropriation for assistive technology devices and services.

(1) (a) There is appropriated from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year [~~1998-99, \$200,000~~] 1999-2000, \$150,000 and from the General Fund for fiscal year [~~1998-99, \$200,000~~] 1999-2000, \$150,000 to the State Board of Education to be distributed to the State Office of Rehabilitation to purchase assistive technology devices and services in accordance with rules [~~adopted~~] made by the State Board of Education.

(b) [~~One-half of each \$200,000~~] The money appropriated under Subsection (1)(a) is for base budget funding [~~and one-half of each appropriation is one-time funding~~].

(2) The office shall use the appropriation to provide:

(a) assistance to individuals with disabilities in acquiring, customizing, and learning to use and maintain assistive technology to facilitate their independence; and

(b) support through [~~the~~] Independent Living Centers and other similar programs to facilitate interagency cooperation in providing assistive technology devices and services.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.