

59 (1) The board shall contract with an educational technology provider, selected through
 60 a request for proposals process, for a computer-based literacy program for kindergarten
 61 students that meets the requirements of this section.

62 (2) The program shall be ~~it~~ **optional to school districts and may be** ~~made~~ **made available**
 62a to all kindergarten students in the state.

63 (3) The program shall:

64 (a) include software that has the capability to:

65 (i) assess a student at the beginning and end of the program, and in an ongoing manner,
 66 to show progress;

67 (ii) provide instruction in the five domains of reading as defined in Section
 68 53A-1-606.5;

69 (iii) be adaptive, allowing a student to automatically progress to more challenging
 70 content; and

71 (iv) provide multiple remedial activities when a student struggles;

72 (b) include headsets for student use; and

73 (c) provide the necessary networking hardware.

74 (4) The contractor shall, at no additional cost:

75 (a) provide on-site support within 24 hours;

76 (b) electronically provide monthly reports to a school principal and school district
 77 designee;

78 (c) provide the board with an annual report of pre- and post-assessment results; and

79 (d) provide for installation of the program, initial and ongoing training, and other
 80 required support.

81 Section 3. Section **53A-1a-1103** is enacted to read:

82 **53A-1a-1103. Computer hardware grants for participating schools in the**
 83 **Kindergarten Literacy Improvement Program -- School requirements.**

84 (1) A school district or charter school may apply to the board to receive a computer
 85 hardware grant to participate in the program.

86 (2) From funds appropriated for computer hardware for the program, the board
 86a **~~it~~ [shall] may ~~be~~**

87 allocate an equal amount of money for each kindergarten classroom in a participating public
 88 school.

89 (3) (a) For school year 2011-12, a school district or charter school ~~it~~ **[shall] may ~~be~~**
 89a use the money

90 allocated in Subsection (2) to purchase computers for kindergarten classrooms in participating
 91 schools to be used primarily to operate the program described in Section 53A-1a-1102.

92 (b) For school year 2012-13 and for each subsequent school year, a school district or
 93 charter school may use the money allocated in Subsection (2) to:

94 (i) purchase computers for grade one, grade two, or grade three classrooms, if the
 95 following conditions are met:

96 (A) there is at least one computer for every five kindergarten students in a kindergarten
 97 classroom; and

98 (B) kindergarten students, on average, are meeting the time requirements in Subsection
 99 (4)(c); or

100 (ii) replace, upgrade, or maintain an existing computer purchased with program money
 101 in previous years.

102 (4) A school district or charter school participating in the program ~~shall~~ may :

103 (a) annually conduct a pre- and post-kindergarten reading assessment for a
 104 kindergarten student participating in the program;

105 (b) ensure that a kindergarten student who has the greatest need for literacy
 106 improvement, as determined by pre-assessments, is given priority in using the program;

107 (c) ensure that kindergarten students, on average, spend at least 80 minutes per week
 108 utilizing the program; and

109 (d) annually report to the board:

110 (i) the number of students served by the program;

111 (ii) the number of computers purchased with the money allocated in Subsection (2);

112 and

113 (iii) the results of the pre- and post-assessments in accordance with Subsection (4)(a).

114 (5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and
 115 consistent with this part, the board shall make rules establishing application and reporting
 116 procedures necessary to administer this part.

117 Section 4. Section **53A-1a-1104** is enacted to read:

118 **53A-1a-1104. Annual report.**

119 (1) The contractor and board shall annually report to the Public Education
 120 Appropriations Subcommittee and the Education Interim Committee: