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Representative Bradley G. Last proposes the following substitute bill:

UPSTART PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams

House Sponsor: ~~{_____}~~ Bradley G. Last

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the UPSTART ~~{early education program}~~ pilot project.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ ~~{establishes the UPSTART program as a permanent, nonpilot program;~~
- ▶ ~~repeals a repeal date related to the UPSTART program;~~ modifies the definition of low income;
- ▶ requires the contractor to give priority to preschool children from low income families and preschool children who are English language learners, if the number of families who would like to participate in the program exceed the number of participants funded by the legislative appropriation;

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- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to issue a request for proposals for a home-based educational technology program for preschool children that takes effect upon the expiration of the pilot project, provided that the Legislature reauthorizes and funds the program;
- ▶ extends the repeal date for the UPSTART pilot project; and
- ▶ makes technical ~~changes~~ amendments.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-1a-1001, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 397

53A-1a-1002, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 397

~~{ **53A-1a-1003**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 397~~

+ **53A-1a-1004**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 397

63I-2-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 173 and 434

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

Section 1. Section **53A-1a-1001** is amended to read:

53A-1a-1001. Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Contractor" means the educational technology provider selected by the State Board of Education under Section 53A-1a-1002.

(2) "Low income" means an income below ~~[200%]~~ 185% of the federal poverty guideline.

(3) "Preschool children" means children who are:

(a) age four or five; and

(b) have not entered kindergarten.

(4) "UPSTART" means the ~~{}~~ pilot project ~~{}~~ program established by Section 53A-1a-1002 that uses a home-based educational technology program to develop school

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readiness skills of preschool children.

Section 2. Section **53A-1a-1002** is amended to read:

53A-1a-1002. UPSTART program to develop school readiness skills of preschool children.

(1) UPSTART, ~~is~~ a pilot project that uses ~~is~~ a home-based educational technology program to develop school readiness skills of preschool children, is established within the public education system.

(2) UPSTART is created to:

(a) evaluate the effectiveness of giving preschool children access, at home, to interactive individualized instruction delivered by computers and the Internet to prepare them academically for success in school; and

(b) test the feasibility of scaling a home-based curriculum in reading, math, and science delivered by computers and the Internet to all preschool children in Utah.

(3) The State Board of Education shall contract with an educational technology provider, selected through a request for proposals process, for the delivery of a home-based educational technology program for preschool children that meets the requirements of Subsection (4).

(4) A home-based educational technology program for preschool children shall meet the following standards:

(a) the contractor shall provide computer-assisted instruction for preschool children on a home computer connected by the Internet to a centralized file storage facility;

(b) the contractor shall:

(i) provide technical support to families for the installation and operation of the instructional software; and

(ii) provide for the installation of computer and Internet access in homes of low income families that cannot afford the equipment and service;

(c) the contractor shall have the capability of doing the following through the Internet:

(i) communicating with parents;

(ii) updating the instructional software;

(iii) validating user access;

(iv) collecting usage data;

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- (v) storing research data; and
- (vi) producing reports for parents, schools, and the Legislature;
- (d) the program shall include the following components:
 - (i) computer-assisted, individualized instruction in reading, mathematics, and science;
 - (ii) a multisensory reading tutoring program; and
 - (iii) a validated computer adaptive reading test that does not require the presence of trained adults to administer and is an accurate indicator of reading readiness of children who cannot read;
- (e) the contractor shall have the capability to quickly and efficiently modify, improve, and support the product;
- (f) the contractor shall work in cooperation with school district personnel who will provide administrative and technical support of the program as provided in Section 53A-1a-1003;
- (g) the contractor shall solicit families to participate in the program as provided in Section 53A-1a-1004; and
- (h) in implementing the home-based educational technology program, the contractor shall seek the advise and expertise of early childhood education professionals within the Utah System of Higher Education on issues such as:
 - (i) soliciting families to participate in the program;
 - (ii) providing training to families; and
 - (iii) motivating families to regularly use the instructional software.
- (5) The contract shall provide funding for a home-based educational technology program for preschool children for one year with an option to extend the contract for additional years or to expand the program to a greater number of preschool children, subject to the appropriation of money by the Legislature for UPSTART.

~~{Section 3. Section 53A-1a-1003 is amended to read:~~

~~———— 53A-1a-1003. School district participation in UPSTART.~~

~~———— (1) A school district may participate in UPSTART if the local school board agrees to work in cooperation with the contractor to provide administrative and technical support for~~

~~{(6) (a) The State Board of Education shall issue a request for proposals for a home-based educational technology program for preschool children that takes effect upon the expiration of~~

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the pilot project ~~{}~~ UPSTART.

~~— (2) Family participants in UPSTART shall be solicited from school districts that participate in UPSTART.~~

~~— (3) A school district that participates in UPSTART shall:~~

~~— (a) receive funding for:~~

~~— (i) paraprofessional and technical support staff; and~~

~~— (ii) travel, materials, and meeting costs of the program;~~

~~— (b) participate in program training by the contractor; and~~

~~— (c) agree to adopt standardized policies and procedures in implementing [the pilot project] UPSTART.~~

~~— Section 4} on July 1, 2019, provided that the Legislature reauthorizes and funds the program.~~

(b) The State Board of Education shall evaluate a proposal based on:

(i) whether the home-based educational technology program meets the standards specified in Subsection 53A-1a-1002(4);

(ii) the results of an independent evaluation of the home-based educational technology program;

(iii) the experience of the home-based educational technology program provider; and

(iv) the per pupil cost of the home-based educational technology program.

Section 3. Section **53A-1a-1004** is amended to read:

53A-1a-1004. Family participation in UPSTART.

(1) The contractor shall solicit families to participate in UPSTART through a public information campaign and referrals from participating school districts.

(2) (a) Preschool children who participate in UPSTART shall:

(i) be from families with diverse socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds; and

(ii) reside in different regions of the state in both urban and rural areas.

(b) (i) If the number of families who would like to participate in UPSTART exceeds the number of participants funded by the legislative appropriation, the contractor shall give priority to preschool children from low income families and preschool children who are English language learners.

(ii) At least 30% of the preschool children who participate in UPSTART shall be from

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low income families.

(3) A low income family that cannot afford a computer and Internet service to operate the instructional software may obtain a computer and peripheral equipment on loan and receive free Internet service for the duration of the family's participation in ~~{}~~the pilot project~~}~~ UPSTART.

(4) (a) The contractor shall make the home-based educational technology program available to families at ~~[an agreed upon]~~ a cost agreed upon by the State Board of Education and the contractor if the number of families who would like to participate in UPSTART exceeds the number of participants funded by the legislative appropriation.

(b) The State Board of Education and the contractor shall annually post on their websites information on purchasing a home-based educational technology program as provided in Subsection (4)(a).

Section ~~{5}~~4. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:

63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.

(1) Section 53A-1-402.7 is repealed July 1, 2014.

(2) Section 53A-1-403.5 is repealed July 1, 2017.

(3) Section 53A-1-411 is repealed July 1, 2016.

~~[(4) Section 53A-1-412 is repealed July 1, 2013.]~~

~~[(5)]~~(4) Section 53A-1a-513.5 is repealed July 1, 2017.

~~[(6)]~~(5) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 10, UPSTART, is repealed July 1, ~~[2014~~{}~~]~~2019.

~~[(7)]~~(6) Title 53A, Chapter 8a, Part 8, Peer Assistance and Review Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2017.

~~[(8) ~~{}~~(7)]~~ Subsection 53A-13-110(4) is repealed July 1, 2013.

~~[(9)]~~(8)~~(7)~~ Section 53A-17a-169 is repealed July 1, 2016.

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