

UPSTART AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the UPSTART program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ repeals provisions describing UPSTART as a pilot program, including provisions that would have repealed the UPSTART program;

▶ requires the State Board of Education to issue a request for two-year pilot proposals from certain educational technology providers;

▶ requires a contractor to work with the Department of Workforce Services and the State Board of Education to solicit certain families to participate in UPSTART; ~~H~~→ [and]

▶ authorizes a contractor to request certain information to verify an individual's income; and ←~~H~~

▶ makes technical corrections.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-1a-1001, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 102

53A-1a-1002, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 102

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



121 [(iii)] (c) the experience of the home-based educational technology program provider;
122 and

123 [(iv)] (d) the per pupil cost of the home-based educational technology program.

124 Section 3. Section **53A-1a-1003** is amended to read:

125 **53A-1a-1003. School district participation in UPSTART.**

126 (1) A school district may participate in UPSTART if the local school board agrees to
127 work in cooperation with the contractor to provide administrative and technical support for [~~the~~
128 ~~pilot project~~] UPSTART.

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

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

132 (a) receive funding for:

133 (i) paraprofessional and technical support staff; and

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

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

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

138 Section 4. Section **53A-1a-1004** is amended to read:

139 **53A-1a-1004. Family participation in UPSTART** ~~H→~~ – Low income family
139a verification ←H .

140 (1) The contractor shall:

141 (a) solicit families to participate in UPSTART through a public information campaign
142 and referrals from participating school districts[-]; and

143 (b) work with the Department of Workforce Services and the State Board of Education
144 to solicit participation from families of children experiencing intergenerational poverty, as
145 defined in Section 35A-9-102, to participate in UPSTART.

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

147 (i) be from families with diverse socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds; [~~and~~]

148 (ii) reside in different regions of the state in both urban and rural areas[-]; and

149 (iii) be given preference to participate if the preschool child's family resides in a rural
150 area with limited prekindergarten services.

151 (b) (i) If the number of families who would like to participate in UPSTART exceeds

152 the number of participants funded by the legislative appropriation, the contractor shall give
 153 priority to preschool children from low income families and preschool children who are
 154 English language learners.

155 (ii) At least 30% of the preschool children who participate in UPSTART shall be from
 156 low income families.

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

160 UPSTART.

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

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

167a **H→ (5)(a) The contractor shall:**

167b **(i) determine if a family is a low income family for purposes of this part; and**

167c **(ii) use the same application form as described in Section 35A-9-401 or create an**

167d **application form that requires an individual to provide and certify the information necessary**

167e **for the contractor to make the determination described in Subsection (5)(a)(i).**

167f **(b) The contractor may:**

167g **(i) require an individual to submit supporting documentation; and**

167h **(ii) create a deadline for an individual to submit an application, if necessary. ←H**

168 Section 5. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:

169 **63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.**

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

171 (2) Section 53A-1-411 is repealed July 1, 2017.

172 (3) Section 53A-1-709 is repealed July 1, 2020.

173 (4) Subsection 53A-1a-513(4) is repealed July 1, 2017.

174 (5) Section 53A-1a-513.5 is repealed July 1, 2017.

175 [~~(6) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 10, UPSTART, is repealed July 1, 2019;~~]

176 [~~(7)~~] (6) Title 53A, Chapter 8a, Part 8, Peer Assistance and Review Pilot Program, is
 177 repealed July 1, 2017.