

1 **PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK YOUTH AND THEIR**
2 **FAMILIES**

3 1998 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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7 AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION; CREATING THE
8 "STRENGTHENING AT-RISK YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES" PROGRAM AT UTAH
9 STATE UNIVERSITY; PROVIDING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; APPROPRIATING
10 \$940,000; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

12 ENACTS:

13 **53B-18-601**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

14 **53B-18-602**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

16 Section 1. Section **53B-18-601** is enacted to read:

17 **Part 6. Strengthening At-Risk Youth and Their Families Program**

18 **53B-18-601. Program creation -- Location.**

19 (1) There is created the Strengthening At-Risk Youth and Their Families Program to be
20 administered through the Utah State University Extension Family Life and 4-H Programs.

21 (2) The program shall be implemented throughout the state through Utah State University
22 Extension county offices.

23 Section 2. Section **53B-18-602** is enacted to read:

24 **53B-18-602. Program requirements.**

25 (1) The program shall actively seek and screen adult volunteers to work with high risk
26 youth and their families.

1 (2) The program shall provide training and support to the volunteers to prepare them for
2 the wide variety of social, cultural, and other environmental factors they will encounter.

3 (3) The volunteers shall:

4 (a) enroll and involve youth in 4-H and other community service and activity programs;

5 (b) provide academic tutoring, with an emphasis on reading skills, when necessary;

6 (c) seek out opportunities for participation in structured recreational activities; and

7 (d) facilitate the families' development of a positive family environment including:

8 (i) setting clear expectations and limits in the home;

9 (ii) fostering communication skills between family members;

10 (iii) encouraging the families' involvement in the school and community; and

11 (iv) assisting in the development of time management skills.

12 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

13 (1) There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 1998-1999, \$940,000 to
14 Utah State University Extension.

15 (2) These funds shall be used to expand and implement the "Strengthening At-Risk Youth
16 and Their Families" program throughout the state. It is the intent of the Legislature that this
17 appropriation be ongoing.

18 Section 4. **Effective date.**

19 This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.

Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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