

**Representative Sheryl L. Allen** proposes to substitute the following bill:

**CHILD LITERACY PROGRAMS**

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16 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR A LITERACY PROGRAM TO  
 17 ASSIST CHILDREN IN ACQUIRING LITERACY SKILLS; PROVIDING FOR THE  
 18 COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE TO ESTABLISH A  
 19 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM TO ASSIST SCHOOLS IN  
 20 IMPLEMENTING LITERACY PROGRAMS; PROVIDING FOR INFORMATION KITS TO  
 21 PARENTS OF NEW-BORN INFANTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMERGING LITERACY  
 22 SKILLS; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE PARENTS ON  
 23 THE IMPORTANCE OF EMERGING READING DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN  
 24 ANNUAL REPORT; PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$425,000; AND  
 25 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

27 AMENDS:

28 **9-1-809**, as enacted by Chapter 119, Laws of Utah 1994

29 ENACTS:

30 **26-10-5.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

31 **53A-1-801**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

33 Section 1. Section **9-1-809** is amended to read:

34 **9-1-809. Commission duties.**

35 (1) The commission shall, in the performance of its tasks and functions:

36 (a) ensure that its funding decisions meet all federal and state statutory requirements;

37 (b) recommend innovative, creative, statewide service programs to increase volunteer  
38 participation in all age groups and community-based problem-solving among diverse participants;

39 (c) develop and implement a centralized, organized system of obtaining information and  
40 technical support concerning volunteerism and community service recruitment, projects, training  
41 methods, materials, and activities throughout the state and share such information and support  
42 upon request;

43 (d) promote strong interagency collaboration as an avenue for maximizing resources and  
44 providing that model on the state level;

45 (e) provide public recognition and support of individual volunteer efforts and successful  
46 or promising private sector initiatives and public/private partnerships that address community  
47 needs;

48 (f) stimulate increased community awareness of the impact of volunteer services in the  
49 state;

50 (g) utilize local, state, and federal resources to reinforce, expand, and initiate quality  
51 service programs;

52 (h) assist in the planning and implementation of volunteer programs;

53 (i) serve as the state's liaison and voice to appropriate national and state organizations that  
54 support its mission;

55 (j) develop a three-year comprehensive state and community service plan and establish  
56 state priorities;

57 (k) preselect programs and prepare applications to the corporation pursuant to the act;

58 (l) prepare service learning applications;

59 (m) administer the grants program and oversee and monitor the performance and progress

60 of funded programs;

61 (n) implement comprehensive, nonduplicative evaluation and monitoring systems;

62 (o) provide technical assistance to local nonprofit organizations and other entities;

63 (p) assist in the development of programs established in the act;

64 (q) develop mechanisms for recruitment and placement of people interested in

65 participating in national service programs;

66 (r) assist in the provision of health care and child care benefits to participants under the  
67 act;

68 (s) make priority program recommendations to the corporation;

69 (t) coordinate its activities with the activities of other state agencies that administer federal  
70 block grants; and

71 (u) coordinate its activities with the activities of other volunteer service programs.

72 (2) The commission may not directly operate or run any national service program receiving  
73 financial assistance, in any form, from the corporation.

74 (3) The commission may receive and accept federal funds, private gifts, donations, or  
75 funds from any source. All moneys shall be deposited with the state and shall be continuously  
76 available to the commission to carry out the purposes of this part.

77 (4) (a) The commission shall establish a community volunteer training program to assist  
78 the state's school districts in implementing the literacy programs required under Section  
79 53A-1-801.

80 (b) The program shall focus on:

81 (i) recruitment of volunteers to assist public schools in reading improvement programs;

82 and

83 (ii) providing for the training of volunteers recruited under Subsection (4)(b)(i) to assist  
84 public schools in accomplishing the literacy goals established in Subsection 53A-1-801(1).

85 (c) The commission shall coordinate its activities under Subsection (4) with other state and  
86 community entities engaged in child literacy programs.

87 Section 2. Section **26-10-5.5** is enacted to read:

88 **26-10-5.5. Child literacy -- Distribution of information kits.**

89 (1) The Legislature recognizes that effective child literacy programs can have a dramatic  
90 long-term impact on each child's ability to:

91 (a) succeed in school;

92 (b) successfully compete in a global society; and

93 (c) become a productive, responsible citizen.

94 (2) (a) To help further this end, the department may make available to parents of new-born  
95 infants, as a resource, an information kit regarding child development, the development of  
96 emerging literacy skills, and activities which promote and enhance emerging literacy skills,  
97 including reading aloud to the child on a regular basis.

98 (b) The department shall seek private funding to help support this program.

99 (3) (a) The department may seek assistance from the State Office of Education and local  
100 hospitals in making the information kit available to parents on a voluntary basis.

101 (b) The department may also seek assistance from private entities in making the kits  
102 available to parents.

103 Section 3. Section **53A-1-801** is enacted to read:

104 **Part 8. Child Literacy Programs**

105 **53A-1-801. Child literacy program -- Coordinated activities.**

106 (1) The State Board of Education, through the state superintendent of public instruction,  
107 shall provide for a public service campaign to educate parents on the importance of providing their  
108 children with opportunities to develop emerging literacy skills through a statewide "Read to Me"  
109 program.

110 (2) The board shall coordinate its activities under this section with other state and  
111 community entities that are engaged in child literacy programs in order to maximize its efforts and  
112 resources, including the Utah Commission on National and Community Service.

113 (3) (a) The board shall make an annual report to the Legislature's Education Interim  
114 Committee on its progress towards accomplishing the literacy goal of having all students within  
115 the state's public education reading on or above grade level by the end of the third grade by no later  
116 than school year beginning in the fall of 2002.

117 (b) A component of the report shall include a review of the statewide assessment of  
118 emerging reading skills in kindergarten in the public schools as required under Section  
119 53A-3-402.9.

120 Section 4. **Appropriation.**

121 Except as provided in H.B. 4, Appropriations Coordination Act, there is appropriated the

122 following amounts from the following funds for fiscal year 1999-2000 for the following purposes:

123 (1) \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Commission on National and Community  
124 Service in the Department of Community and Economic Development for the volunteer program  
125 required under Subsection 9-1-809(4);

126 (2) \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health to provide information  
127 kits to the parents of new-born infants under Section 26-10-5.5; and

128 (3) \$75,000 from the Uniform School Fund to the State Board of Education to help fund  
129 the public service campaign on emerging literacy skills through the Read to Me program under  
130 Subsection 53A-1-801(1).

131 Section 5. **Effective date.**

132 This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.