

1                                   **INCENTIVES FOR ELEMENTARY READING**

2   **PERFORMANCE**

3   2000 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Sponsor: Ron Bigelow**

6 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; CREATING A READING PERFORMANCE  
7 IMPROVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO ASSIST SELECTED ELEMENTARY  
8 TEACHERS IN OBTAINING A READING ENDORSEMENT; PROVIDING A \$9,000  
9 APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

11 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

12                   **53A-3-402.11**, as enacted by Chapter 340, Laws of Utah 1999

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

14                   Section 1. Section **53A-3-402.11** is repealed and reenacted to read:

15                   **53A-3-402.11. Reading Performance Improvement Scholarship Program.**

16                   (1) There is established a Reading Performance Improvement Scholarship Program to  
17 assist selected elementary teachers in obtaining a reading endorsement so that they may help  
18 improve the reading performance of students in their classes.

19                   (2) The State Board of Education shall award scholarships of up to \$500 to each recipient  
20 under the program.

21                   (3) The board shall give weighted consideration to scholarship applicants who:

22                   (a) teach in grades kindergarten through three;

23                   (b) are designated by their schools as, or are seeking the designation of, reading specialist;

24 and

25                   (c) teach in a rural area of the state.

26                   (4) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
27 board shall provide by rule for:

28           (a) the application procedure for the scholarship; and  
29           (b) what constitutes a reading specialist at the elementary school level.

30           (5) The board shall provide the Legislature, through its Education Interim Committee, and  
31 the governor with an annual evaluation of the program, together with recommendations for  
32 continuance or expansion of the program.

33           Section 2. **Appropriation.**

34           There is appropriated from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2000-01, \$9,000 to the  
35 State Board of Education to fund the Reading Performance Improvement Scholarship Program  
36 established under Section 53A-3-402.11.

37           Section 3. **Effective date.**

38           This act takes effect on July 1, 2000.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 2-4-00 11:49 AM**

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

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**