

KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT

REQUIREMENTS

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Karen W. Morgan

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires students' reading and numeric skills to be assessed upon entering kindergarten.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires each kindergarten student, the student's parent, and kindergarten personnel at the student's school to participate in an assessment of the student's reading and numeric skills.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-3-402.9, as last amended by Chapter 254, Laws of Utah 2002

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

Section 1. Section **53A-3-402.9** is amended to read:

53A-3-402.9. Assessment of students entering kindergarten.

(1) The Legislature recognizes that well-developed reading skills help:



28 (a) children to succeed in school, develop self esteem, and build positive relationships
29 with others;

30 (b) young adults to become independent learners; and

31 (c) adults to become and remain productive members of a rapidly changing
32 technology-based society.

33 (2) (a) Each kindergarten student, the student's parent or guardian, and kindergarten
34 personnel at the student's school [~~may~~] shall participate in an assessment of the student's
35 reading and numeric skills.

36 (b) The assessment[~~, if made, should~~] shall take place no later than during the first
37 [~~two~~] four weeks of the school year.

38 (c) The State [~~Office~~] Board of Education, in cooperation with the state's school
39 districts, may develop the assessment instrument and any additional materials needed to
40 implement and supplement the assessment program.

41 (3) The kindergarten student's teacher [~~may~~] shall use the assessment in planning and
42 developing an instructional program to meet the student's identified needs.

43 (4) Based on the assessment under Subsection (2), the school shall provide the
44 student's parent or guardian with appropriate resource materials to assist them at home in the
45 student's literacy development.

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

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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State Impact

Provisions of this bill may be handled within existing resources.

Individual and Business Impact

No Fiscal Impact

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst