

K - 3 READING PROGRAM TECHNOLOGY

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams

House Sponsor: Merlynn T. Newbold

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides funding for a public school reading program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the State Board of Education to select a technology provider through a request for proposals process to provide a computer software program for literacy instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 3.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- To the State Board of Education -- State Office of Education -- Initiative Programs, as a one-time appropriation for fiscal year 2012-13:
 - from the Education Fund, \$3,000,000.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides an effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-17a-150.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-150.5** is enacted to read:



28 **53A-17a-150.5. K-3 Reading Improvement Program technology.**

29 (1) As used in this section, "K-3 Reading Improvement Program" means the K-3
30 Reading Improvement Program described in Section 53A-17a-150.

31 (2) To improve reading skills for students in kindergarten through grade 3, and as part
32 of the K-3 Reading Improvement Program, the board shall contract with a provider, selected
33 through a request for proposals process, to provide a computer software program for literacy
34 instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 3.

35 (3) In evaluating proposals submitted under Subsection (2), the board shall ensure that
36 the program includes:

37 (a) individualized instruction to teach a student phonics, phonemic awareness,
38 vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency;

39 (b) internal assessments, tracking ability, and reports for teachers, administrators, and
40 parents;

41 (c) the ability to provide immediate feedback to students and facilitate remediation
42 when needed;

43 (d) integrated, computer pre- and post-assessment of a student's skills;

44 (e) an assessment system that automatically determines a student's grade placement and
45 instruction needs; and

46 (f) grade-level appropriate digital books for a student to practice the student's reading
47 skills on a computer.

48 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

49 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
50 following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or
51 reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated for the
52 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013. These are additions to any
53 amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2013.

54	<u>To State Board of Education -- State Office of Education -- Initiative Programs</u>	
55	<u>From Education Fund, one-time</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>
56	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
57	<u>Contracts and Grants</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

58 The Legislature intends that:

59 (1) the appropriation for Contracts and Grants be used for the purposes described in
60 Section 53A-17a-150.5; and

61 (2) the appropriation under this section:

62 (a) be one-time; and

63 (b) not lapse at the close of fiscal year 2013.

64 Section 3. **Effective date.**

65 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 8, 2012.

66 (2) Uncodified Section 2, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2012.

Legislative Review Note
as of 2-27-12 4:58 PM

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel