

IMPROVEMENT OF READING INSTRUCTION

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

House Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides for assistance to educators and parents in teaching reading.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides for the expansion of a reading clinic based at the University of Utah, College of Education, to satellite sites in Weber and Iron Counties; and
- ▶ requires the reading clinic to provide:
 - instruction to teachers in the use of technology and blended learning in providing individualized reading instruction and reading remediation; and
 - access to students for reading remediation and instruction services through distance learning technology.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2015 as an ongoing appropriation:

- ▶ to University of Utah - Education and General:
 - from the Education Fund, \$975,000.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-3-402.10, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapters 86 and 156



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

Section 1. Section **53A-3-402.10** is amended to read:

53A-3-402.10. Reading clinics -- Purpose.

(1) The Legislature recognizes the critical importance of identifying, assessing, and assisting students with reading difficulties at an early age in order for them to have successful and productive school and life experiences.

(2) In order to help accomplish this, there is established a reading clinic, hereafter referred to as the "clinic," based at the University of Utah, College of Education, to assist educators and parents of students statewide in:

(a) assessing elementary school students who do not demonstrate satisfactory progress in reading;

(b) providing instructional intervention to enable the students to overcome reading difficulties; and

(c) becoming better prepared to help all students become successful readers by providing them with professional development programs in reading that are based on best practices and the most current, scientific research available through nationally and internationally recognized reading researchers and instructional specialists.

(3) (a) The clinic shall focus primarily on students in grades [~~one~~] 1 through [~~three~~] 3 since research shows the need for students to become successful readers by the end of [~~the third~~] grade 3.

(b) The clinic shall make assessment and instructional intervention services available to public education students of all ages.

(4) The clinic shall provide these services [~~on-site~~] at [~~the University of Utah~~] a base site in Salt Lake County, satellite sites in Weber and Iron Counties, and through remote access interactive technology to reach educators, parents, and students throughout the state.

(5) The clinic shall provide:

(a) instruction to teachers in the use of technology and blended learning in providing individualized reading instruction and reading remediation; and

(b) access to students for reading remediation and instruction services through distance learning technology if a student is unable to regularly access a reading clinic location.

59 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

60 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
61 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money
62 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
63 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in
64 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2015.

65 To University of Utah - Education and General

66 From Education Fund

\$975,000

67 Schedule of Programs:

68 University of Utah Education and

69 General - Reading Clinic

\$975,000

70 The Legislature intends that of the \$975,000 appropriated to the University of Utah

71 Education and General - Reading Clinic Program:

72 (1) \$275,000 shall be used for a satellite site in Weber County; and

73 (2) \$275,000 shall be used for a satellite site in Iron County.

74 Section 3. **Effective date.**

75 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.

Legislative Review Note

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