

57 select and contract with an independent evaluator, through a request for proposals process, to
 58 act as an independent contractor to evaluate early interactive reading software provided under
 59 this section.

60 (b) The State Board of Education shall ensure that a contract with an independent
 61 evaluator requires the independent evaluator to:

62 (i) evaluate a student's learning gains as a result of using early interactive reading
 63 software provided under Subsection [~~(2)~~] (1);

64 (ii) for the evaluation under Subsection [~~(4)~~] (3)(b)(i), use an assessment that is not
 65 developed by a provider of early interactive reading software; and

66 (iii) determine the extent to which a public school uses the early interactive reading
 67 software ~~[in accordance with a technology provider's dosage recommendations under~~
 68 ~~Subsection (3)].~~

69 (c) The State Board of Education and the independent evaluator selected under
 70 Subsection [~~(4)~~] (3)(a) shall report annually on the results of the evaluation to the Education
 71 Interim Committee and the governor.

72 [~~(4)~~] (4) The State Board of Education may use up to 4% of the appropriation provided
 73 under Subsection [~~(2)~~] (1)(a) to:

74 (a) acquire an analytical software program that:

75 (i) monitors, for an individual school, early intervention interactive reading software
 76 use and the associated impact on student performance; and

77 (ii) analyzes the information gathered under Subsection (4)(a)(i) to prescribe individual
 78 school usage time to maximize the beneficial impact on student performance; ~~and~~ ~~or~~

79 (b) contract with an independent evaluator selected under Subsection [~~(4)~~] (3)(a).