

1 **INTERVENTIONS FOR READING DIFFICULTIES SUNSET**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2019 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**

6 House Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **Committee Note:**

10 The Education Interim Committee recommended this bill.

11 **General Description:**

12 This bill amends the Interventions for Reading Difficulties Pilot Program, including
13 extending the sunset date.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

- 16 ▶ renames the Interventions for Reading Difficulties Pilot Program as the
17 Interventions for Reading Difficulties Program (program);
18 ▶ repeals outdated provisions related to the program;
19 ▶ modifies requirements related to the program;
20 ▶ extends the sunset date for the program from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2024; and
21 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

22 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

23 None

24 **Other Special Clauses:**

25 None

26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 AMENDS:



28 **53F-5-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 22 and renumbered and
29 amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2

30 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 107, 117, 385, 415, and
31 453

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

34 Section 1. Section **53F-5-203** is amended to read:

35 **53F-5-203. Interventions for Reading Difficulties Program.**

36 (1) As used in this section:

37 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

38 (b) "Dyslexia" means a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin and
39 characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and
40 decoding abilities that typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language
41 that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective
42 classroom instruction.

43 (c) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means:

44 (i) a school district;

45 (ii) a charter school; or

46 (iii) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

47 (d) "Multi-Tier System of Supports" or "MTSS" means a framework integrating
48 assessment and intervention that:

49 (i) provides increasingly intensive interventions for students at risk for or experiencing
50 reading difficulties, including:

51 (A) tier II interventions that, in addition to standard classroom reading, provide
52 supplemental and targeted small group instruction in reading using evidence-based curricula;
53 and

54 (B) tier III interventions that address the specific needs of students who are the most at
55 risk or who have not responded to tier II interventions by providing frequent, intensive, and
56 targeted small group instruction using evidence-based curricula; and

57 (ii) is developed to:

58 (A) maximize student achievement;

- 59 (B) reduce behavior problems; and
60 (C) increase long-term success.
61 (e) "Program" means the Interventions for Reading Difficulties [~~Pilot~~] Program.
62 (f) "Reading difficulty" means an impairment, including dyslexia, that negatively
63 affects a student's ability to learn to read.
- 64 (2) There is created the Interventions for Reading Difficulties [~~Pilot~~] Program to
65 provide:
- 66 (a) specific evidence-based literacy interventions using an MTSS for students in
67 kindergarten through grade 5 who are at risk for or experiencing a reading difficulty, including
68 dyslexia; and
- 69 (b) professional development to educators who provide the literacy interventions
70 described in Subsection (2)(a).
- 71 (3) (a) An LEA may submit a proposal to the board to participate in the program.
72 (b) An LEA proposal described in Subsection (3)(a) shall:
- 73 (i) specify:
- 74 (A) a range of current benchmark assessment in reading scores described in Section
75 [53E-4-307](#) that the LEA will use to determine whether a student is at risk for a reading
76 difficulty; and
- 77 (B) other reading difficulty risk factors that the LEA will use to determine whether a
78 student is at risk for a reading difficulty;
- 79 (ii) describe the LEA's existing reading program;
80 (iii) describe the LEA's MTSS approach; and
81 (iv) include any other information requested by the board.
- 82 (c) The board may:
- 83 (i) specify the format for an LEA proposal; and
84 (ii) set a deadline for an LEA to submit a proposal.
- 85 (4) The board shall:
- 86 (a) define criteria for selecting an LEA to participate in the program;
87 (b) [~~during fiscal year 2016, select five~~] select LEAs to participate in the program:
88 (i) on a competitive basis; and
89 (ii) using criteria described in Subsection (4)(a); and

90 (c) subject to legislative appropriations, provide each LEA, selected as described in
 91 Subsection (4)(b), up to \$30,000 per school within the LEA.

92 [~~(5) During fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019, if funding allows, the board may select~~
 93 ~~additional LEAs to participate in the program.~~]

94 [~~(6) An LEA that participates in the program:~~]

95 [~~(a) shall, beginning with the 2016-17 school year, provide the interventions described~~
 96 ~~in Subsection (7)(c) from the time the LEA is selected until the end of the 2018-19 school year;~~
 97 ~~and]~~

98 [~~(b) may provide the professional development described in Subsections (8)(a) and (b)~~
 99 ~~beginning in fiscal year 2016.~~]

100 [~~(7)] (5) An LEA that participates in the program shall:~~

101 (a) select at least one school in the LEA to participate in the program;

102 (b) identify students in kindergarten through grade 5 for participation in the program

103 by:

104 (i) using current benchmark assessment in reading scores as described in Section
 105 [53E-4-307](#); and

106 (ii) considering other reading difficulty risk factors identified by the LEA;

107 (c) provide interventions for each student participating in the program using an MTSS
 108 implemented by an educator trained in evidence-based interventions;

109 (d) include the LEA's proposal submitted under Subsection (3)(b) in the reading
 110 achievement plan described in Section [53E-4-306](#) for each school in the LEA that participates
 111 in the program; [~~and]~~

112 (e) participate in training provided by the ~~State~~ **state** ~~board~~ board; and

113 [~~(e)] (f) report annually to the board on:~~

114 (i) individual student outcomes in changes in reading ability;

115 (ii) school level outcomes; and

116 (iii) any other information requested by the board.

117 [~~(8)] (6) Subject to funding for the program, an LEA may use the funds described in
 118 Subsection (4)(c) for the following purposes:~~

119 (a) to provide for ongoing professional development in evidence-based literacy
 120 interventions;

121 (b) to support educators in earning a reading interventionist credential that prepares
 122 teachers to provide a student who is at risk for or experiencing reading difficulty, including
 123 dyslexia, with reading intervention that is:

- 124 (i) explicit;
- 125 (ii) systematic; and
- 126 (iii) targeted to a student's specific reading difficulty; and
- 127 (c) to implement the program.

128 ~~[(9)]~~ (7) The board shall contract with an independent evaluator to evaluate the
 129 program on:

130 (a) whether the program improves reading outcomes for a student who receives the
 131 interventions described in Subsection ~~[(7)]~~ (5)(c);

132 (b) whether the program may reduce ~~[future special education costs]~~ the need for a
 133 student to be referred for possible special education services; and

134 (c) any other student or school achievement outcomes requested by the board.

135 ~~[(10)(a) The board shall make a final report on the program to the Education Interim~~
 136 ~~Committee on or before November 1, 2018.]~~

137 ~~[(b) In the final report described in Subsection (10)(a), the board shall include the~~
 138 ~~results of the evaluation described in Subsection (9).]~~

139 Section 2. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

140 **63I-1-253. Repeal dates, Titles 53 through 53G.**

141 The following provisions are repealed on the following dates:

142 ~~[(1) Subsection 53-10-202(18) is repealed July 1, 2018.]~~

143 ~~[(2) Section 53-10-202.1 is repealed July 1, 2018.]~~

144 ~~[(3)]~~ (1) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

145 ~~[(4)]~~ (2) Section 53B-18-1501 is repealed July 1, 2021.

146 ~~[(5)]~~ (3) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

147 ~~[(6)]~~ (4) Section 53B-24-402, Rural residency training program, is repealed July 1,
 148 2020.

149 ~~[(7)]~~ (5) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), which provides for the distribution of money
 150 from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells, other
 151 hydrologic studies, and air quality monitoring in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2020.

- 152 [~~(8)~~] (6) Section [53E-3-515](#) is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 153 [~~(9)~~] (7) Section [53F-2-514](#) is repealed July 1, 2020.
- 154 [~~(10)~~] (8) Section [53F-5-203](#) is repealed July 1, [~~2019~~] 2024.
- 155 [~~(11)~~] (9) Title 53F, Chapter 5, Part 6, American Indian and Alaskan Native Education
156 State Plan Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2022.
- 157 [~~(12)~~] (10) Section [53F-6-201](#) is repealed July 1, 2019.
- 158 [~~(13)~~] (11) Section [53F-9-501](#) is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 159 [~~(14)~~] (12) Subsection [53G-8-211](#)(4) is repealed July 1, 2020.