

UTAH K-12 READING CLINIC

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner

House Sponsor: Kelly B. Miles

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Education Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 11 voting for 0 voting against 9 absent

General Description:

This bill codifies the name of the Utah K-12 Reading Clinic at the University of Utah.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ codifies the name of the Utah K-12 Reading Clinic at the University of Utah; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53B-17-1001, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1

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

Section 1. Section **53B-17-1001** is amended to read:

53B-17-1001. Reading clinic -- Purpose.



28 (1) As used in this section, "clinic" means the Utah K-12 Reading Clinic, described in
29 Subsection (3).

30 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) The Legislature recognizes the critical importance of identifying, assessing,
31 and assisting students with reading difficulties at an early age in order for them to have
32 successful and productive school and life experiences.

33 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) ~~[In order to help accomplish this, there]~~ There is established ~~[a reading clinic;~~
34 ~~hereafter referred to as the "clinic;"]~~ the Utah K-12 Reading Clinic, based at the University of
35 Utah, College of Education, to assist educators and parents of students statewide in:

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

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

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

44 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) (a) The clinic shall focus primarily on students in grades 1 through 3 since
45 research shows the need for students to become successful readers by the end of grade 3.

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

48 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The clinic shall provide these services at a base site in Salt Lake County and
49 through remote access interactive technology to reach educators, parents, and students
50 throughout the state.

51 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) The clinic shall provide:

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

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

56 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) The clinic shall integrate both the usage of and instruction on the use of
57 technology-based reading assessment tools as part of the clinic's services.