

## **Agency: UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Request Title:** *Repeal: Child Literacy Program - Coordinated Activities*

**Purpose Statement:** *This is an outdated code that no longer pertains to the literacy initiatives established in [SB 127](#) Early Literacy Outcomes Improvement (2022). This code can be repealed.*

### **What is the nature of your request?**

*Select one:*

**POLICY REQUEST** – You are seeking changes to Utah State Code to improve your program/services.

**FUNDING REQUEST** – You are seeking new or additional financial resources to support a program/service for education.

**BOTH POLICY and FUNDING** – You are proposing a new program or expansion of an existing program that will require new/amended state code and financial resources.

Questions? Please contact:

Greg Connell (Greg.Connell@schools.utah.gov)

**Current Funding for FY 2026:** *(Provide current year funding differentiating one-time and ongoing funding for the program.)*

FY 2026 Ongoing Funding = \$0

FY 2026 One-Time Funding = \$0

**Projected Results:** *(Provide 1-2 bullets on how the policy/funding request would lead to a measurable outcome in the K-12 education system (ex. performance measure).)*

- Repeal the code requiring USBE to provide the public service campaign “Read to Me”
- This is being supported by USBE’s Regional Literacy nights that are being done to support parents in helping their students learn to read aligned with the science of reading. Also, schools can engage in the community engagement professional learning to learn how to engage parents and families in supporting their students.

**Rationale:** *This code was created and funded in 1999. This campaign has not been supported for many years.*

**If not funded/approved:** *This would remain in code and USBE would need to implement this with no funding attached.*

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## POLICY REQUEST

*This section only needs to be completed if you are making a policy request (creating or changing existing Utah Code language).*

**1. Section(s) of State Code to be addressed (if none, insert "N/A"):**

[53E-3-504](#)

**2. Summarize the request, the specific problem it will solve, and how it will solve the problem. (Describe the issues or concerns the legislation will address:) Repeal this code:**

[53E-3-504](#). Child literacy program -- Coordinated activities.

The state board, through the state superintendent, shall provide for a public service campaign to educate parents on the importance of providing their children with opportunities to develop emerging literacy skills through a statewide "Read to Me" program.

The state board shall coordinate its activities under this section with other state and community entities that are engaged in child literacy programs in order to maximize its efforts and resources, including the Utah Commission on National and Community Service.

**3. Describe the history of the issues or concerns including relevant context and timelines:** This code was part of a bill that passed in 1999. The

link to the original bill creating this as 53A-1-801 (old Ed code) is linked here:  
<https://le.utah.gov/~1999/bills/hbillenr/HB0008.pdf>

**4. What are the suggested legislative solutions? Include code references and suggested language where possible:** Repeal this code.

*For policy only requests, please address these questions as well. If you are also making a funding request, these questions will be addressed in the next section below:*

**5. Provide details, sources, research, and analysis to which forms evidence-basis for this request or the associated program (e.g, cost benefit analysis, program evaluation, results from pilot program, etc). Include whether this data is currently collected and available or whether new data will be collected:** This code has not been supported or addressed for many years. It is best to repeal it and focus on the community engagement associated with [SB 127 \(2022\)](#)

If you are making a **Policy Request, STOP here** and email Greg Connell ([Greg.Connell@schools.utah.gov](mailto:Greg.Connell@schools.utah.gov)) to inform him the request is complete and has been reviewed by your Deputy Superintendent.