



**Fiscal Note**  
**H.B. 331 1st Sub. (Buff)**  
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 Hope Scholarship Program  
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**General, Education, and Uniform School Funds**

JR4-4-101

	Ongoing	One-time	Total
Net GF/EF/USF (rev.-exp.)	\$(36,000,000)	\$34,000,000	\$(2,000,000)

**State Government**

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Revenues	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$3,300	\$0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Enactment of this bill may increase Dedicated Credits revenue to the Department of Public Safety by \$3,300 one-time in FY 2023 through additional background check fees charged to individuals.

Expenditures	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Education Fund	\$0	\$36,000,000	\$36,000,000
Education Fund, One-time	\$0	\$(34,000,000)	\$0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$0	\$3,300	\$0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,003,300</b>	<b>\$36,000,000</b>

Enactment of this legislation appropriates \$36,000,000 ongoing and (\$34,000,000) one-time beginning in FY 2023 from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education to implement the scholarship program outlined in the bill. Of this amount, the State Board of Education estimates \$161,000 ongoing to support administration of the program. In addition, enactment of this bill will cost the Department of Public Safety \$3,300 one-time in FY 2023 from Dedicated Credits to conduct background checks for certain individuals as outlined in the bill. Beginning in FY 2026, the amount appropriated for the scholarship program increases annually based on an annual inflationary factor defined in the bill.

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<b>Net All Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$(2,000,000)</b>	<b>\$(36,000,000)</b>

**Local Government**

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this legislation likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

**Individuals & Businesses**

UCA 36-12-13(2)(c)

Enactment of this legislation may increase the number of individuals seeking background checks through the Department of Public Safety. These individuals will need to pay any fees associated with the background check, totaling \$33.25 per person. For each 100 individuals, this would result in a approximately \$3,300 in fee revenue collected, with \$2,000 supporting Department costs and \$1,300 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Regulatory Impact**

UCA 36-12-13(2)(d)

Enactment of this legislation likely will not change the regulatory burden for Utah residents or businesses.

**Performance Evaluation**

JR1-4-601

This bill creates a new program or significantly expands an existing program. For a list of questions lawmakers might ask to improve accountability for the proposed program, please see: <https://budget.utah.gov/newprogram>

**Notes on Notes**

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