

1                   **MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR**  
2                                   **STUDENTS AND TEACHERS PROGRAM**

3                                   2021 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason**

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10           This bill reinstates the Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers  
11 Program.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13           This bill:

- 14           ▶ defines terms;
- 15           ▶ reinstates the Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers (MOST)  
16 Program;
- 17           ▶ addresses the duties and authority of the State Board of Education related to the  
18 funding of the MOST Program and associated grants;
- 19           ▶ addresses the allowable expenditures for MOST Program grant money; and
- 20           ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

21 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

22           This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2022:

- 23           ▶ to the State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic  
24 School Programs, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - 25           • from the Education Fund, \$3,900,000; and
- 26           ▶ to the State Board of Education - MSP Categorical Program Administration, as an  
27 ongoing appropriation:



28 • from the Education Fund, \$100,000.

29 **Other Special Clauses:**

30 None

31 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

32 AMENDS:

33 **53F-2-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 14

34 ENACTS:

35 **53F-2-505.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

38 Section 1. Section **53F-2-203** is amended to read:

39 **53F-2-203. Reduction of LEA governing board allocation based on insufficient**  
40 **revenues.**

41 (1) As used in this section, "Minimum School Program funds" means the total of state  
42 and local funds appropriated for the Minimum School Program, excluding:

43 (a) an appropriation for a state guaranteed local levy increment as described in Section  
44 **53F-2-601**; and

45 (b) the appropriation to charter schools to replace local property tax revenues pursuant  
46 to Section **53F-2-704**.

47 (2) If the Legislature reduces appropriations made to support public schools under this  
48 chapter because an Education Fund budget deficit, as defined in Section **63J-1-312**, exists, the  
49 state board, after consultation with each LEA governing board, shall allocate the reduction  
50 among school districts and charter schools in proportion to each school district's or charter  
51 school's percentage share of Minimum School Program funds.

52 (3) Except as provided in Subsection (5) and subject to the requirements of Subsection  
53 (7), an LEA governing board shall determine which programs are affected by a reduction  
54 pursuant to Subsection (2) and the amount each program is reduced.

55 (4) Except as provided in Subsections (5) and (6), the requirement to spend a specified  
56 amount in any particular program is waived if reductions are made pursuant to Subsection (2).

57 (5) An LEA governing board may not reduce or reallocate spending of funds  
58 distributed to the school district or charter school for the following programs:

- 59 (a) educator salary adjustments provided in Section 53F-2-405;
- 60 (b) the Teacher Salary Supplement Program provided in Section 53F-2-504;
- 61 (c) the extended year for special educators provided in Section 53F-2-310;
- 62 (d) the School LAND Trust Program described in Sections 53F-2-404 and
- 63 53G-7-1206; [or]

64 (e) the Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program provided in  
 65 Section 53F-2-505.1; or

66 [~~e~~] (f) a special education program within the basic school program.

67 (6) An LEA governing board may not reallocate spending of funds distributed to the  
 68 school district or charter school to a reserve account.

69 (7) An LEA governing board that reduces or reallocates funds in accordance with this  
 70 section shall report all transfers into, or out of, Minimum School Program programs to the state  
 71 board as part of the school district or charter school's Annual Financial and Program report.

72 Section 2. Section 53F-2-505.1 is enacted to read:

73 **53F-2-505.1. 29 Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers**  
 74 **Program.**

75 (1) As used in this section, "MOST Program" means the Math and Science  
 76 Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program created in this section.

77 (2) (a) The Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program is  
 78 created to provide a financial incentive for LEA governing boards to adopt programs in  
 79 respective LEAs that result in a more efficient use of human resources and capital facilities.

80 (b) The intended benefits of the program include:

81 (i) increased opportunities for supporting math and science teachers in their  
 82 instructional delivery as it pertains to student learning outcomes;

83 (ii) increased compensation for math and science teachers by providing opportunities  
 84 for an expanded contract year which will enhance LEAs' ability to attract and retain talented  
 85 and highly qualified math and science teachers;

86 (iii) increased capacity of school buildings by using buildings more hours of the day or  
 87 more days of the year, resulting in reduced capital facilities costs;

88 (iv) decreased class sizes created by expanding the number of instructional  
 89 opportunities in a year;

- 90 (v) opportunities for earlier high school graduation;
- 91 (vi) improved student college preparation;
- 92 (vii) increased opportunities to offer additional remedial and advanced courses in math
- 93 and science; and
- 94 (viii) opportunities to coordinate high school and post-secondary math and science
- 95 education.

96 (3) From money appropriated for the MOST Program, the state board shall award

97 grants to LEAs to pay for costs related to the adoption and implementation of the program.

98 (4) The state board shall:

99 (a) solicit proposals from an LEA or a regional education service agency on behalf of

100 an LEA for the use of grant money to facilitate the adoption and implementation of the

101 program; and

102 (b) award grants on a competitive basis.

103 (5) In selecting a grant recipient, the state board shall consider:

104 (a) the degree to which an LEA's proposed adoption and implementation of an

105 extended year for math and science teachers achieves the benefits described in Subsection (2);

106 (b) the unique circumstances of different urban, rural, large, small, growing, and

107 declining LEAs; and

108 (c) providing programs in as many different LEAs as possible.

109 (6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), an LEA may only use grant money to

110 provide educator contracts, educator contract extensions, educator stipends, or combinations of

111 both, for participating MOST Program math and science teachers.

112 (b) Up to 5% of the grant money may be used to fund math and science field trips,

113 textbooks, and supplies.

114 (7) Participation in the MOST Program is:

115 (a) voluntary for an individual teacher; and

116 (b) voluntary for a charter school or school district.

117 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

118 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

119 2021, and ending June 30, 2022. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for

120 fiscal year 2022. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures

121 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
122 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

123 ITEM 1

124 To State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School

125 Programs

126 From Education Fund \$3,900,000

127 Schedule of Programs:

128 Math and Science Opportunities for Students

129 and Teachers Program \$3,900,000

130 ITEM 2

131 To State Board of Education - MSP Categorical Program Administration

132 From Education Fund \$100,000

133 Schedule of Programs:

134 Math and Science Opportunities for Students

135 and Teachers Program \$100,000