

1 **COLLECTION OF FRONT-LINE TEACHERS DATA**

2 2013 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Jim Nielson**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill establishes reporting requirements for school districts, charter schools, and the
10 State Board of Education related to quantifying the number of certain teachers.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ requires school districts and charter schools to report data to the State Board of
14 Education on the allocation of resources for front-line teachers.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 ENACTS:

21 **53A-1-413**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

22 **53A-1-414**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

25 Section 1. Section **53A-1-413** is enacted to read:

26 **53A-1-413. Definitions.**

27 For purposes of Sections 53A-1-413 and 53A-1-414:



28 (1) (a) "Front-line teacher" means a licensed teacher who has an assignment to teach a
29 kindergarten, elementary, secondary, or special education course.

30 (b) "Front-line teacher" does not include a prekindergarten teacher, a school-based
31 specialist, or a classroom aide.

32 (2) "LEA compensation percentage" means the amount of money from an LEA's
33 general fund budgeted for front-line teachers, including benefits, divided by the LEA's total
34 general fund, excluding money budgeted for:

35 (a) capital outlay or debt service; and

36 (b) pupil transportation.

37 (3) "LEA front-line teacher percentage" means the number of full-time equivalent
38 front-line teachers in an LEA divided by the total number of full-time equivalent employees in
39 an LEA, excluding employees associated with pupil transportation and capital facilities
40 construction.

41 (4) "LEA percentage" means the average of an LEA's compensation percentage and the
42 LEA's front-line teacher percentage.

43 (5) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school.

44 (6) "Statewide compensation percentage" means the amount of money from all LEAs'
45 general funds budgeted for front-line teachers, including benefits, divided by all LEAs' total
46 general funds, excluding money budgeted for:

47 (a) capital outlay or debt service; and

48 (b) pupil transportation.

49 (7) "Statewide front-line teacher percentage" means the number of full-time equivalent
50 front-line teachers in all LEAs divided by the total number of full-time equivalent employees in
51 all LEAs, excluding employees associated with pupil transportation and capital facilities
52 construction.

53 (8) "Statewide percentage" means the average of the statewide compensation
54 percentage and the statewide front-line teacher percentage.

55 Section 2. Section **53A-1-414** is enacted to read:

56 **53A-1-414. Reporting requirements and data collection related to front-line**
57 **teachers -- Audit procedures.**

58 (1) (a) An LEA shall report all information as required in this section.

59 (b) The information reported in accordance with this section shall be from the previous
60 school year.

61 (2) (a) An LEA shall report all necessary data to the State Board of Education for
62 purposes of calculating the percentages defined in Section 53A-1-413.

63 (b) An LEA shall report the following data to the State Board of Education:

64 (i) the LEA's total number of FTE front-line teachers; and

65 (ii) the LEA's average class size for:

66 (A) elementary school;

67 (B) middle or junior high school; and

68 (C) high school.

69 (c) The State Board of Education shall make rules specifying how an LEA shall report
70 the required data for purposes of this Subsection (2).

71 (3) By November 1, 2013, the State Board of Education shall conduct an audit of the
72 data submitted by LEAs pursuant to Subsection (2) to ensure conformity and comparability.

73 (4) By the November 2013 interim meeting, the State Board of Education shall report
74 to the Education Interim Committee:

75 (a) the statewide and LEA percentages defined in Section 53A-1-413;

76 (b) all underlying data submitted by the LEAs described in Subsection (2);

77 (c) the results of the audit described in Subsection (3); and

78 (d) the average daily membership of each LEA, as reported in the most recent state
79 superintendent's report.

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