

DATA REPORTING REGARDING FRONT-LINE TEACHERS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes reporting requirements for the State Board of Education related to quantifying the number of certain teachers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
 - report data to the Education Interim Committee on the allocation of resources for front-line teachers; and
 - make the data available on the Internet.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-1-414, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53A-1-415, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



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

29 **53A-1-414. Definitions.**

30 For purposes of Sections [53A-1-414](#) and [53A-1-415](#):

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

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

35 (2) "LEA compensation percentage" means the amount of money from an LEA's
36 general fund expended for front-line teachers, including benefits, divided by the LEA's total
37 general fund, excluding money expended for:

38 (a) capital outlay or debt service;

39 (b) pupil transportation; and

40 (c) custodial and maintenance expenses.

41 (3) "LEA front-line teacher percentage" means the number of full-time equivalent
42 front-line teachers in an LEA divided by the total number of full-time equivalent employees in
43 an LEA, excluding employees associated with pupil transportation, capital facilities
44 construction, and custodial and maintenance.

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

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

48 (6) "Statewide compensation percentage" means the amount of money from all LEAs'
49 general funds expended for front-line teachers, including benefits, divided by all LEAs' total
50 general funds, excluding money expended for:

51 (a) capital outlay or debt service;

52 (b) pupil transportation; and

53 (c) custodial and maintenance.

54 (7) "Statewide front-line teacher percentage" means the number of full-time equivalent
55 front-line teachers in all LEAs divided by the total number of full-time equivalent employees in
56 all LEAs, excluding employees associated with pupil transportation, capital facilities
57 construction, and custodial and maintenance.

58 (8) "Statewide percentage" means the average of the statewide compensation

59 percentage and the statewide front-line teacher percentage.

60 Section 2. Section **53A-1-415** is enacted to read:

61 **53A-1-415. Reporting requirements and data collection related to front-line**
62 **teachers -- Audit procedures.**

63 (1) (a) The State Board of Education shall report all information as required in this
64 section.

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

67 (2) (a) An LEA shall report all necessary data to the State Board of Education for
68 purposes of calculating the percentages defined in Section [53A-1-414](#).

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

71 (3) By the November 2015 interim meeting, the State Board of Education shall report
72 to the Education Interim Committee:

73 (a) the statewide and LEA percentages defined in Section [53A-1-414](#);

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

75 (c) the average daily membership of each LEA, as reported in the most recent state
76 superintendent's report.

77 (4) The State Board of Education shall make the information described in Subsection
78 (3) available on the Internet.

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