

**MATH AND SCIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS  
AND TEACHERS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends an existing program to create the Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends an existing program to create the Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers (MOST) Program;
- ▶ amends the duties and authority of the State Board of Education related to the MOST Program;
- ▶ repeals requirements on the State Charter School Board related to the MOST Program; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2021:

- ▶ to the State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School Programs, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the Education Fund, \$900,000; and
- ▶ to the State Board of Education - MSP Categorical Program Administration, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the Education Fund, \$100,000.

29 **Other Special Clauses:**

30 This bill contains a coordination clause.

31 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

32 AMENDS:

33 **53F-2-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 136 and 186

34 **53F-2-414**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 136 and 408

35 **53F-2-505**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186

36 **Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:**

37 **53F-2-505**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186

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

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

41 **53F-2-203. Reduction of LEA governing board allocation based on insufficient**  
42 **revenues.**

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

45 (a) an appropriation for a state guaranteed local levy increment as described in Section  
46 **53F-2-601**; and

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

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

54 (3) Except as provided in Subsection (5) and subject to the requirements of Subsection  
55 (7), an LEA governing board shall determine which programs are affected by a reduction

56 pursuant to Subsection (2) and the amount each program is reduced.

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

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

61 (a) educator salary adjustments provided in Section 53F-2-405;

62 (b) the Teacher Salary Supplement Program provided in Section 53F-2-504;

63 (c) the extended year for special educators provided in Section 53F-2-310;

64 (d) ~~[USTAR centers]~~ the Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers  
65 Program provided in Section 53F-2-505;

66 (e) the School LAND Trust Program described in Sections 53F-2-404 and 53G-7-1206;

67 or

68 (f) a special education program within the basic school program.

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

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

74 Section 2. Section 53F-2-414 is amended to read:

75 **53F-2-414. Review of related to basic school programs.**

76 (1) No later than November 30, 2018, the Public Education Appropriations  
77 Subcommittee shall:

78 (a) review and make recommendations on each program in the related to basic school  
79 programs described in Subsection (3);

80 (b) adopt a review schedule going forward for each program described in Subsection  
81 (3), placing a program on a schedule to review annually or every four years; and

82 (c) review annually or every four years each program according to the schedule adopted

83 under Subsection (1)(b).

84 (2) For a related to basic school program that is not listed in Subsection (3) and is  
85 adopted by the Legislature after January 1, 2018, the Public Education Appropriations

86 Subcommittee shall:

87 (a) review and make recommendations for the program in the program's initial year of  
88 implementation;

89 (b) adopt a review schedule going forward for the program, placing the program on a  
90 schedule to review annually or every four years; and

91 (c) review annually or every four years the program according to the schedule adopted  
92 under Subsection (2)(b).

93 (3) The programs subject to review under Subsection (1) are the following:

94 (a) the state-supported transportation program described in Section 53F-2-403;

95 (b) the weighted pupil unit flexibility allocations described in Section 53F-2-205;

96 (c) the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program described in Section 53F-2-410;

97 (d) the youth in custody program described in Section 53E-3-503;

98 (e) the adult education program described in Title 53E, Chapter 10, Part 2, Adult  
99 Education;

100 (f) the Enhancement for Accelerated Students Program described in Section  
101 53F-2-408;

102 (g) the Centennial Scholarship Program described in Section 53F-2-501;

103 (h) the concurrent enrollment program described in Title 53E, Chapter 10, Part 3,  
104 Concurrent Enrollment;

105 (i) the Title I Schools Paraeducators Program described in Section 53F-2-411;

106 (j) the School LAND Trust Program described in Section 53F-2-404;

107 (k) the charter school local replacement funding program described in Section  
108 53F-2-702;

109 (l) the charter school administration allocations described in Section 53F-2-306;

- 110 (m) the Early Literacy Program described in Section 53F-2-503;
- 111 (n) the educator salary adjustments described in Section 53F-2-405;
- 112 (o) the Teacher Salary Supplement Program described in Section 53F-2-504;
- 113 (p) the school library books and electronic resources appropriation described in Section
- 114 53F-2-407;
- 115 (q) the matching appropriation for school nurses described in Section 53F-2-519;
- 116 (r) the Dual Language Immersion Program described in Section 53F-2-502;
- 117 (s) the [~~Utah Science Technology and Research (USTAR) Initiative Centers~~] Math and
- 118 Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program described in Section 53F-2-505;
- 119 (t) the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program described in
- 120 Section 53F-2-506;
- 121 (u) the early intervention program described in Section 53F-2-507; and
- 122 (v) the Digital Teaching and Learning Grant Program described in Section 53F-2-510.

123 Section 3. Section 53F-2-505 is amended to read:

124 **53F-2-505. Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program.**

125 (1) As used in this section, "MOST Program" means the Math and Science

126 Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program created in this section.

127 ~~[(+)]~~ (2) (a) The [~~Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative (USTAR) Centers~~]

128 Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program is created to provide a

129 financial incentive for LEA governing boards to adopt programs in respective [~~charter schools~~

130 ~~and school districts~~] LEAs that result in a more efficient use of human resources and capital

131 facilities.

132 (b) The [~~potential~~] intended benefits of the program include:

133 (i) increased opportunities for supporting math and science teachers in their

134 instructional delivery as it pertains to student learning outcomes;

135 ~~[(+)]~~ (ii) increased compensation for math and science teachers by providing

136 opportunities for an expanded contract year which will enhance [~~school districts' and charter~~

137 schools'] LEAs' ability to attract and retain talented and highly qualified math and science  
138 teachers;

139       ~~[(ii)]~~ (iii) increased capacity of school buildings by using buildings more hours of the  
140 day or more days of the year, resulting in reduced capital facilities costs;

141       ~~[(iii)]~~ (iv) decreased class sizes created by expanding the number of instructional  
142 opportunities in a year;

143       ~~[(iv)]~~ (v) opportunities for earlier high school graduation;

144       ~~[(v)]~~ (vi) improved student college preparation;

145       ~~[(vi)]~~ (vii) increased opportunities to offer additional remedial and advanced courses in  
146 math and science; and

147       ~~[(vii)]~~ (viii) opportunities to coordinate high school and post-secondary math and  
148 science education~~[, and]~~;

149       ~~[(viii) the creation or improvement of science, technology, engineering, and math~~  
150 ~~centers (STEM Centers).]~~

151       ~~[(2)]~~ (3) From money appropriated for the ~~[USTAR Centers]~~ MOST Program, the state  
152 board shall award grants to ~~[charter schools and school districts]~~ LEAs to pay for costs related  
153 to the adoption and implementation of the program.

154       ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The state board shall:

155       (a) first, distribute a base amount of funds to each regional service center to support  
156 monitoring and compliance and to provide technical assistance to program grantees;

157       ~~[(a)]~~ (b) solicit proposals from ~~[the State Charter School Board and local school~~  
158 ~~boards]~~ an LEA or a regional service center on behalf of an LEA for the use of grant money to  
159 facilitate the adoption and implementation of the program; and

160       ~~[(b)]~~ (c) award grants on a competitive basis.

161       ~~[(4) The State Charter School Board shall:]~~

162       ~~[(a) solicit proposals from charter school governing boards that may be interested in~~  
163 ~~participating in the USTAR Centers Program;]~~

164 ~~[(b) prioritize and consolidate the proposals into the equivalent of a single school~~  
165 ~~district request; and]~~

166 ~~[(c) submit the consolidated request to the state board.]~~

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

168 (a) the degree to which ~~[a charter school or school district's]~~ an LEA's proposed  
169 adoption and implementation of an extended year for math and science teachers achieves the  
170 benefits described in Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2);

171 (b) the unique circumstances of different urban, rural, large, small, growing, and  
172 declining ~~[charter schools and school districts]~~ LEAs; and

173 (c) providing pilot programs in as many different ~~[school districts and charter schools]~~  
174 LEAs as possible.

175 (6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), ~~[a school district or charter school]~~ an  
176 LEA may only use grant money to provide ~~[full-year teacher]~~ educator contracts, ~~[part-time~~  
177 ~~teacher]~~ educator contract extensions, educator stipends, or combinations of both, for  
178 participating MOST Program math and science teachers.

179 (b) Up to 5% of the grant money may be used to fund math and science field trips,  
180 textbooks, and supplies.

181 (7) Participation in the ~~[USTAR Centers]~~ MOST Program ~~[shall be]~~ is:

182 (a) voluntary for an individual teacher; and

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

184 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

185 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
186 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
187 fiscal year 2021. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures  
188 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
189 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

190 ITEM 1

**S.B. 93**

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191 To State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School  
192 Programs  
193 From Education Fund \$900,000  
194 Schedule of Programs:  
195 Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program  
196 \$900,000

197 ITEM 2

198 To State Board of Education - MSP Categorical Program Administration  
199 From Education Fund \$100,000  
200 Schedule of Programs:  
201 Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program  
202 \$100,000

203 **Section 5. Coordinating S.B. 93 with S.B. 79 -- Superseding substantive**  
204 **amendments.**

205 If this S.B. 93 and S.B. 79, Regional Education Service Agencies, both pass and  
206 become law, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and  
207 General Counsel shall prepare the Utah Code database for publication by changing all  
208 references in Section [53F-2-505](#) from "regional service center" to "regional education service  
209 agency".