

**HIGH-NEED SCHOOL AMENDMENTS**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kathleen Riebe**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill provides for grants to local education agencies to employ additional educators in high-need schools.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
  - solicit proposals from local education agencies;
  - award grants; and
  - make administrative rules;
- ▶ requires a local education agency that receives a grant to:
  - use the funding to employ an additional first year educator in a high-need school;
  - provide matching funds; and
  - report to the State Board of Education;
- ▶ provides a sunset date; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2020:

- ▶ to the State Board of Education - Related to Basic School Programs - Grants for Educators for High-need Schools as an ongoing appropriation:

29                   • from the Education Fund, \$500,000.

30 **Other Special Clauses:**

31                   None

32 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

33 AMENDS:

34                   **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 107, 117, 385, 415, and  
35 453

36 ENACTS:

37                   **53F-5-212**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

40                   Section 1. Section **53F-5-212** is enacted to read:

41                   **53F-5-212. Grants for additional educators for high-need schools.**

42                   (1) As used in this section:

43                   (a) "Educator" means an individual who holds a professional educator license  
44 described in Section **53E-6-201**.

45                   (b) "First-year educator" means an educator who is:

46                   (i) a classroom teacher; and

47                   (ii) in the educator's first year of teaching.

48                   (c) "High-need school" means an elementary school in an LEA that qualifies for a grant  
49 under this section based on the criteria established by the state board under Subsection  
50 (5)(a)(ii).

51                   (d) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school.

52                   (e) "Title I school" means a school that receives funds under Title I of the Elementary  
53 and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.

54                   (2) Subject to legislative appropriations, and in accordance with this section, the state  
55 board shall award a grant to an LEA to fund the salary and benefits for an additional first-year

56 educator to teach in a high-need school.

57 (3) The state board shall:

58 (a) solicit proposals from LEAs to receive a grant under this section; and

59 (b) award grants to LEAs on a competitive basis based on the LEA applications  
60 described in Subsection (4)(a).

61 (4) To receive a grant under this section, an LEA shall:

62 (a) submit an application to the state board that:

63 (i) lists the school or schools for which the LEA intends to use a grant;

64 (ii) describes how each school for which the LEA intends to use a grant meets the  
65 criteria for being a high-need school; and

66 (iii) includes any other information required by the board under the rules described in  
67 Subsection (5); and

68 (b) provide matching funds in an amount equal to the grant received by the LEA under  
69 this section.

70 (5) (a) The state board shall make rules specifying:

71 (i) the procedure for an LEA to apply for a grant under this section, including  
72 application requirements; and

73 (ii) the criteria for determining if an elementary school is a high-need school.

74 (b) In establishing the criteria described in Subsection (5)(a)(ii), the state board shall  
75 consider the following factors:

76 (i) Title I school status;

77 (ii) low school performance, as indicated by the school accountability system described  
78 in Title 53E, Chapter 5, Part 2, School Accountability System;

79 (iii) a high percentage of students enrolled in the school who are either experiencing or  
80 at risk of experiencing intergenerational poverty;

81 (iv) a high ratio of students to educators in the school;

82 (v) higher than average educator turnover in the school;

- 83 (vi) a high percentage of students enrolled in the school who are experiencing
- 84 homelessness; and
- 85 (vii) other factors determined by the state board.
- 86 (6) An LEA that receives a grant under this section shall:
- 87 (a) (i) use the grant to fund a portion of the cost of the salary and benefits for an
- 88 additional first-year educator who teaches in a high-need school; and
- 89 (ii) maintain a class size of fewer than 20 students for a first-year educator whose
- 90 salary and benefits are funded by the grant; and
- 91 (b) annually submit a report to the state board describing:
- 92 (i) how the LEA used the grant; and
- 93 (ii) whether the grant was effective in maintaining a smaller class size for the first-year
- 94 educator whose salary and benefits were funded by the grant.

95 Section 2. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

96 **63I-1-253. Repeal dates, Titles 53 through 53G.**

97 The following provisions are repealed on the following dates:

- 98 (1) Subsection **53-10-202(18)** is repealed July 1, 2018.
- 99 (2) Section **53-10-202.1** is repealed July 1, 2018.
- 100 (3) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 101 (4) Section **53B-18-1501** is repealed July 1, 2021.
- 102 (5) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 103 (6) Section **53B-24-402**, Rural residency training program, is repealed July 1, 2020.
- 104 (7) Subsection **53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii)**, which provides for the distribution of money
- 105 from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells, other
- 106 hydrologic studies, and air quality monitoring in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2020.
- 107 (8) Section **53E-3-515** is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 108 (9) Section **53F-2-514** is repealed July 1, 2020.
- 109 (10) Section **53F-5-203** is repealed July 1, 2019.

110 (11) Section 53F-5-212 is repealed July 1, 2024.

111 [~~(11)~~] (12) Title 53F, Chapter 5, Part 6, American Indian and Alaskan Native  
112 Education State Plan Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2022.

113 [~~(12)~~] (13) Section 53F-6-201 is repealed July 1, 2019.

114 [~~(13)~~] (14) Section 53F-9-501 is repealed January 1, 2023.

115 [~~(14)~~] (15) Subsection 53G-8-211(4) is repealed July 1, 2020.

116 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

117 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
118 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
119 fiscal year 2020. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures  
120 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
121 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

122 ITEM 1

123 To State Board of Education - Related to Basic School Programs

124 From Education Fund

\$500,000

125 Schedule of Programs:

126 Grants for Educators for High-need Schools

\$500,000

127 The Legislature intends that appropriations provided under this item be used for grants  
128 for additional educators for high-need schools as described in Section 53F-5-212.