

**SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS AMENDMENTS**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson**

House Sponsor: Merlynn T. Newbold

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies qualifications for a district superintendent of schools.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a district superintendent of schools is not required to hold an administrative/supervisory license issued by the State Board of Education; and
- ▶ makes technical amendments.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53A-3-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapters 231 and 315

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

Section 1. Section **53A-3-301** is amended to read:

**53A-3-301. Superintendent of schools -- Appointment -- Qualifications -- Term -- Compensation.**

(1) A local school board shall appoint a district superintendent of schools who serves



28 as the local school board's chief executive officer.

29 (2) (a) [~~The~~] A local school board shall appoint the superintendent on the basis of  
30 outstanding professional qualifications.

31 (b) A district superintendent of schools is not required to hold an  
32 administrative/supervisory license issued by the State Board of Education.

33 [~~(b) The~~] (3) A superintendent's term of office is for two years and until a successor is  
34 appointed and qualified.

35 [~~(3)~~] (4) If it becomes necessary to appoint an interim superintendent due to a vacancy  
36 in the office of superintendent, [~~then~~] the local school board shall make an appointment during  
37 a public meeting for an indefinite term not to exceed one year, which term shall end upon the  
38 appointment and qualification of a new superintendent.

39 [~~(4) (a) The superintendent shall hold an administrative/supervisory license issued by~~  
40 ~~the State Board of Education, except as otherwise provided in Subsection (4)(b).]~~

41 [~~(b) A local board of education may request, and the State Board of Education may~~  
42 ~~grant, a letter of authorization permitting a person with outstanding professional qualifications~~  
43 ~~to serve as superintendent without holding an administrative/supervisory license.]~~

44 (5) [~~The~~] A local school board shall set the superintendent's compensation for services.

45 (6) [~~The~~] A superintendent qualifies for office by taking the constitutional oath of  
46 office.

47 Section 2. **Effective date.**

48 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect  
49 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
50 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,  
51 the date of veto override.

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# FISCAL NOTE

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SHORT TITLE: School District Superintendents Amendments

SPONSOR: Stephenson, H.

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STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for local governments.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.