

EDUCATOR LICENSURE AMENDMENTS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses requirements related to licensing of educators.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ provides that a teacher who provides distance learning is not required to obtain a license issued by the State Board of Education under certain circumstances; and

▶ provides that an individual employed at least half time in a position for which a teacher's license is required, including a position in an online school or a school that uses digital technologies for instruction or blended learning, satisfies the work experience requirement for participation in an alternative preparation program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-6-113, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53A-6-114, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section 53A-6-113 is enacted to read:

29 **53A-6-113. Distance learning -- License requirements.**

30 (1) As used in this section, "distance learning" means instruction of curriculum that is:

31 (a) aligned with the core curriculum standards established by the board; and

32 (b) delivered from a remote location across state lines.

33 (2) A teacher who provides distance learning to a student in Utah is not required to
34 hold a license if:

35 (a) the teacher holds a teaching credential issued by another state for the grade level
36 and subject taught to a Utah student;

37 (b) the teacher is employed at a school in the state where the teacher's teaching
38 credential was issued; and

39 (c) the out-of-state school where the teacher is employed is accredited by the
40 accrediting body that accredits public schools in Utah pursuant to board rule.

41 Section 2. Section 53A-6-114 is enacted to read:

42 **53A-6-114. Alternative preparation program -- Work experience requirement.**

43 An individual who is employed at least half time in a position for which a teacher's
44 license is required pursuant to board rule, including a position in an online school or a school
45 that uses digital technologies for instruction or blended learning, satisfies the work experience
46 requirement for participation in an alternative preparation program.

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