

EDUCATOR LICENSURE AMENDMENTS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

House Sponsor: Paul Ray

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] 1 ←§ . 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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