

Senator Jerry W. Stevenson proposes the following substitute bill:

EDUCATOR LICENSURE AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions that allow a teacher who is licensed out of state to teach students in Utah remotely.

Highlighted Provisions:

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► enacts provisions that allow a teacher who is licensed out of state to teach students in Utah remotely.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a coordination clause.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-6-114, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:

53A-6-114, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



26 Section 1. Section 53A-6-114 is enacted to read:

27 **53A-6-114. Distance learning -- License requirements.**

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

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

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

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

33 (a) the teacher holds a teaching credential:

34 (i) issued by another state that is approved as described in Subsection (3); and

35 (ii) for the grade level of and subject taught to the Utah student; and

36 (b) the teacher passes a criminal background check described in Section [53A-6-401](#).

37 (3) The board shall review teacher credentialing standards in all other states and, by
38 rule, approve a state if the state's teacher credentialing standards do not differ from comparable
39 licensing under this part to an extent that would impede the ability of a teacher described in
40 Subsection (2) to provide instruction aligned with the core curriculum standards established by
41 the board.

42 Section 2. **Coordinating S.B. 275 with H.B. 360 -- Technical amendment.**

43 If this S.B. 275 and H.B. 360, Utah Education Amendments, both pass and become law,
44 it is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel,
45 in preparing the Utah Code database for publication, change the terminology in Subsections
46 [53A-6-114](#)(1)(a) and (3) from "core curriculum standards" to "core standards for Utah public
47 schools".

48 Section 3. **Coordinating S.B. 275 with H.B. 124 -- Substantive amendment.**

49 If this S.B. 275 and H.B. 124, Education Background Check Amendments, both pass
50 and become law, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and
51 General Counsel, in preparing the Utah Code database for publication, amend Subsection
52 [53A-6-114](#)(2)(b) to read:

53 "(b) the teacher passes the same criminal background check and ongoing monitoring
54 required of a license applicant as described in Section [53A-15-1504](#)."