

**JOINT RESOLUTION REQUIRING LEGISLATORS TO
SPEND TIME IN CLASSROOMS**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jim Dabakis

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This rules resolution creates a joint rule that requires every legislator to volunteer in a classroom.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ requires every legislator to serve as a teacher's aide in a classroom within that legislator's district;
- ▶ provides participation requirements;
- ▶ provides exceptions; and
- ▶ imposes a fine on a legislator who fails to comply with the rule.

Special Clauses:

None

Legislative Rules Affected:

ENACTS:

JR7-1-101

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

Section 1. **JR7-1-101** is enacted to read:

TITLE 7. LEGISLATOR DUTIES



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CHAPTER 1. CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE

JR7-1-101. Legislator classroom assistance -- Penalty for failure to volunteer.

(1) Each legislator shall volunteer as a teacher's aide in any public school for students from preschool through grade 12 in the legislator's district. The volunteer work shall be performed as follows:

(a) Each legislator shall volunteer for at least four hours during each month that the legislator is in office, excluding:

(i) the month of February;

(ii) a month when the legislator is in office for less than 20 days; or

(iii) a month when there are no public school classes for students from preschool through grade 12 in session within the legislator's district.

(b) While volunteering as a teacher's aide:

(i) the teacher may introduce the legislator and describe the legislator's position;

(ii) the legislator may not campaign or address the class as a whole, except that the legislator may:

(A) provide a basic greeting; and

(B) perform a duty that is generally performed by a nonlegislator teacher's aide, such as reading to the class as a whole or another similar activity; and

(iii) the legislator shall perform the duties and comply with the requirements that the school has set for a teacher's aide.

(2) Each senator shall provide the secretary of the Senate, and each representative shall provide the chief clerk of the House, with verification of the volunteer work, which verification shall contain:

(a) the legislator's name;

(b) the date, school, teacher's name, class type, and hours volunteered; and

(c) the teacher's signature.

(3) (a) For each month that a legislator fails to meet the requirements of this rule, the secretary of the Senate, for a senator, or the chief clerk of the House, for a representative, shall issue a fine against the legislator in the amount of 1/12 of the legislator's annual compensation.

(b) Fines collected under this Subsection (3) shall be deposited into the Education Fund.

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