

FRONT-LINE TEACHERS DATA PROGRAM

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes reporting requirements for school districts, charter schools, and the State Board of Education related to quantifying the number of certain teachers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires school districts and charter schools to report data to the State Board of Education on the allocation of resources for front-line teachers.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-1-414, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53A-1-415, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-1-414** is enacted to read:

53A-1-414. Definitions.

For purposes of Sections 53A-1-414 and 53A-1-415:

(1) (a) "Front-line teacher" means a licensed teacher who has an assignment to teach a kindergarten, elementary, secondary, or special education course.

(b) "Front-line teacher" does not include a prekindergarten teacher, a school-based specialist, or a classroom aide.

(2) "LEA compensation percentage" means the amount of money from an LEA's general fund budgeted for front-line teachers, including benefits, divided by the LEA's total general fund, excluding money budgeted for:

33 (a) capital outlay or debt service; and

34 (b) pupil transportation.

35 (3) "LEA front-line teacher percentage" means the number of full-time equivalent
36 front-line teachers in an LEA divided by the total number of full-time equivalent employees in
37 an LEA, excluding employees associated with pupil transportation and capital facilities
38 construction.

39 (4) "LEA percentage" means the average of an LEA's compensation percentage and the
40 LEA's front-line teacher percentage.

41 (5) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school.

42 (6) "Statewide compensation percentage" means the amount of money from all LEAs'
43 general funds budgeted for front-line teachers, including benefits, divided by all LEAs' total
44 general funds, excluding money budgeted for:

45 (a) capital outlay or debt service; and

46 (b) pupil transportation.

47 (7) "Statewide front-line teacher percentage" means the number of full-time equivalent
48 front-line teachers in all LEAs divided by the total number of full-time equivalent employees in
49 all LEAs, excluding employees associated with pupil transportation and capital facilities
50 construction.

51 (8) "Statewide percentage" means the average of the statewide compensation
52 percentage and the statewide front-line teacher percentage.

53 Section 2. Section **53A-1-415** is enacted to read:

54 **53A-1-415. Reporting requirements and data collection related to front-line**
55 **teachers -- Audit procedures.**

56 (1) (a) An LEA shall report all information as required in this section.

57 (b) The information reported in accordance with this section shall be from the previous
58 school year.

59 (2) (a) An LEA shall report all necessary data to the State Board of Education for
60 purposes of calculating the percentages defined in Section 53A-1-414.

61 (b) An LEA shall report the following data to the State Board of Education:

62 (i) the LEA's total number of FTE front-line teachers; and

63 (ii) the LEA's average class size for:

- 64 (A) elementary school;
- 65 (B) middle or junior high school; and
- 66 (C) high school.
- 67 (c) The State Board of Education shall make rules specifying how an LEA shall report
68 the required data for purposes of this Subsection (2).
- 69 (3) By November 1, 2014, the State Board of Education shall conduct an audit of the
70 data submitted by LEAs pursuant to Subsection (2) to ensure conformity and comparability.
- 71 (4) By the November 2014 interim meeting, the State Board of Education shall report
72 to the Education Interim Committee:
 - 73 (a) the statewide and LEA percentages defined in Section 53A-1-414;
 - 74 (b) all underlying data submitted by the LEAs described in Subsection (2);
 - 75 (c) the results of the audit described in Subsection (3); and
 - 76 (d) the average daily membership of each LEA, as reported in the most recent state
77 superintendent's report.