



Performance Note
HB0490 - Special Needs
Opportunity Scholarship
Program
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Performance Note Report

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Agency: State Board of Education

Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: The purpose of this new program is for scholarship granting organizations to award scholarships to eligible special needs students for educational expenses such as tuition and fees for qualifying private schools including online schools, educational therapy, and fees for academic examinations.

Services: The services provided by this program include tuition, fees, textbooks, and uniforms at a qualifying school; educational therapy including, but not limited to, occupational, behavioral, physical, and speech-language therapies; textbooks, curriculum, or other instructional materials including, but not limited to, supplemental materials or associated online instruction required by a curriculum; tuition and fees for an approved non-public online learning course or program; and fees for national norm-referenced examinations, advanced placement examinations, or similar courses, fees associated with state-recognized industry certification exams, and any examination related to college or university admission.

Expected Outcome: The expected outcome from this bill is an increase in scholarship money awarded to eligible special needs students for educational expenses.

Implementations and Resources: The bill will be implemented by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) issuing a request for proposals and entering into an agreement with a scholarship granting organization. With funding, the USBE will administer the program including provide a standardized tax credit certificate, conduct financial reviews and audits as needed, conduct criminal background checks, establish uniform financial accounting standards, monitor, and make rules for scholarship granting organizations.

How: The proposed agency activities will facilitate the awarding of scholarship money to special needs students by scholarship granting organizations.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: Scholarships awarded.

Description: The total number and total dollar amount of scholarships the scholarship granting organization awarded during the previous calendar year. This is a new program so there are no baseline data yet.

Collection Method: This information will be collected from the scholarship granting organization's annual report to the Utah State Board of Education on or before June 1.

	2018	2019	2020
Target	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

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