

1 **APPROPRIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL**
2 **LITERACY CURRICULUM**

3 1999 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Dennis H. Iverson**

6 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING A \$99,000 APPROPRIATION TO
7 SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY TO ASSIST IN FUNDING THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS
8 CEDAR MOUNTAIN SCIENCE CENTER; PROVIDING THAT THE CENTER SHALL USE
9 THE APPROPRIATION FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRICULUM THAT FOCUSES ON BALANCED, INTEGRATED,
11 INTERDISCIPLINARY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION; AND PROVIDING AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.

13 This act enacts uncodified material.

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

15 Section 1. **Appropriation.**

16 (1) Except as provided in H.B. 4, Appropriations Coordination Act, there is appropriated
17 from the General Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000, \$99,000 to Southern Utah University to help
18 fund the activities of its Cedar Mountain Science Center, hereafter referred to as the "center."

19 (2) The center shall use the appropriation for the following purposes:

20 (a) to coordinate the development of an upper elementary and middle school
21 environmental education strategy that broadens the scope and quality of state education through
22 a balanced, comprehensive, unbiased, and multidisciplinary approach to the study of environmental
23 issues;

24 (b) to provide a professional development program at the center that will allow teachers
25 to develop and implement curriculum which focuses on an integrated, interdisciplinary study of
26 the natural world and its relationship to economics and the community;

27 (c) to offer and evaluate pilot programs, primarily at middle schools, that focus on

28 integrated, interdisciplinary environmental education; and

29 (d) to pilot a residential science summer camp for students.

30 (3) The university shall closely monitor the activities of the center and report its findings,

31 together with recommendations regarding ongoing funding, to the Legislative Education Interim

32 Committee prior to November 30, 1999.

33 (4) The money appropriated in Subsection (1) is nonlapsing.

34 **Section 2. Effective date.**

35 This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.

Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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