

INSERVICE FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

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STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING EACH LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO ESTABLISH AN INSERVICE PROGRAM FOR ITS SCHOOL BUILDING AND DISTRICT OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS; PROVIDING A FOCUS FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MAKE A RULE REQUIRING ADMINISTRATORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO RETAIN THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSES; **h PROVIDING A \$25,000 APPROPRIATION; h** AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

53A-6-104, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 108, Laws of Utah 1999

ENACTS:

53A-3-411.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-3-411.5** is enacted to read:

53A-3-411.5. School administrators inservice program -- Focus of program -- Annual report.

(1) (a) Each local school board shall, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, establish an inservice program for its school administrators.

(b) As used in this section, "school administrators" means school building level personnel such as principals, assistant principals, and other administrators who work directly with educators at the school building level and administrators who work in the school district office.

(2) The inservice program shall focus primarily on assisting administrators to enhance their

28 skills to more effectively:

29 (a) promote the professional growth of h AND PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO h
29a educators in the classroom;

30 (b) identify educators whose classroom performance is inadequate;

31 (c) perform classroom observations and teacher evaluations; and

32 (d) provide opportunities to help improve the performance of educators identified under
33 Subsection (2)(b).

34 (3) The State Board of Education, through the state superintendent of public instruction,
35 shall:

36 (a) provide inservice program models, which local boards may use to establish the program
37 required under Subsection (1);

38 (b) during the 2000-01 school year, hold regional conferences for school administrators
39 focused on the skills referred to in Subsection (2); and

40 (c) provide an annual report on the effectiveness of the inservice program to the
41 Legislature, together with a budgetary recommendation for the resources required to effectively
42 maintain the program in each school district.

43 (4) Each local school board shall hold workshops as part of its administrators' inservice
44 program during the 2001 and 2002 school years, that:

45 (a) include a follow-up on the issues discussed in the statewide conference required under
46 Subsection (3)(b); and

47 (b) are collaborated with the State Board of Education, through the state superintendent
48 of public instruction.

49 Section 2. Section **53A-6-104** is amended to read:

50 **53A-6-104. Board licensure.**

51 (1) (a) The board may issue licenses for educators.

52 (b) A person employed in a position that requires licensure by the board shall hold the
53 appropriate license.

54 (2) (a) The board may by rule rank, endorse, or otherwise classify licenses and establish
55 the criteria for obtaining and retaining licenses.

56 (b) The board shall make rules requiring participation in:

57 (i) professional development activities in order for educators to retain their licenses; and

58 (ii) the inservice program outlined in Section 53A-3-411.5 in order for school

59 administrators to retain their administrative licenses.

60 (3) Unless suspended or revoked by the board, or surrendered by the educator, a license
61 is valid for the following period:

62 (a) a letter of authorization is valid for one year, or a shorter period as specified by the
63 board, subject to renewal by the board for a total of not more than four years;

64 (b) a level 1 license is valid for three years, subject to renewal by the board for a total of
65 not more than six years;

66 (c) a level 2 license is valid for five years, subject to renewal by the board; and

67 (d) a level 3 license is valid for seven years, subject to renewal by the board.

67a **h Section 3. Appropriation.**

67b **THERE IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE UNIFORM SCHOOL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-01,**

67c **\$25,000 TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FUND THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

67d **INSERVICE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 53A-3-411.5, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL**

67e **CONFERENCES REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION 53A-3-411.5(3)(b).** h

68 Section h [~~3~~] **4.** h **Effective date.**

69 This act takes effect on July 1, 2000.

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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