

**REIMBURSEMENT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS
FOR DRIVER EDUCATION COSTS**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: David H. Steele

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; INCREASING THE CEILING ON REIMBURSEMENT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR DRIVER EDUCATION COSTS FROM \$90 TO \$100 PER STUDENT.

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

AMENDS:

53A-13-202, as last amended by Chapter 29, Laws of Utah 1999

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

Section 1. Section **53A-13-202** is amended to read:

53A-13-202. Reimbursement of school districts for driver education class expenses -- Limitations -- Excess funds.

(1) The state superintendent of public instruction shall, prior to September 2nd following the school year during which it was expended, or may at earlier intervals during that school year, reimburse each school district that applied for reimbursement and maintains driver education classes that conform to Section 53A-13-201 and the rules prescribed by the board for the actual cost of providing the behind-the-wheel and observation training incidental to those classes.

(2) Under the state board's supervision, a school district may employ [~~noncertified~~] personnel who are not licensed by the board under Section 53A-6-104 or may contract with private parties or agencies for the behind-the-wheel phase of the driver's education program.

(3) The reimbursement amount shall be paid out of the Automobile Driver Education Fee Account in the Uniform School Fund and may not exceed the state average behind-the-wheel and observation training costs based on uniform accounting for the preceding year but not to exceed [~~\$90~~] \$100 per student who has completed such a standard driver education course during the school year.

(4) If the amount of money in the account at the end of a school year is less than the total

of the reimbursable costs, the state superintendent of public instruction shall allocate the money to each school district in the same proportion that its reimbursable costs bear to the total reimbursable costs of all school districts.

(5) If the amount of money in the account at the end of any school year is more than the total of the reimbursement costs, the superintendent may allocate the excess funds to school districts to aid in the procurement of equipment and facilities which reduce the cost of behind-the-wheel instruction.