

**EXTENSION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**This act modifies provisions related to the State System of Public Education by allowing school districts to apply for and receive state monies to extend their school year by two additional days. The act provides a qualifier for receipt of the monies and lists the purposes for which it may be used. The act takes effect July 1, 2001.**

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

ENACTS:

**53A-16-112**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-16-112** is enacted to read:

**53A-16-112. Extension of school year.**

(1) A school district may apply for and receive state monies to extend its school year by two additional days beyond the number of days or equivalent instructional hours established by the State Board of Education under Subsection 53A-17a-103(5) and funded under Title 53A, Chapter 17a, Part 1, Minimum School Program Act.

(2) To receive monies under Subsection (1), the district's local school board must certify to the State Board of Education, through the superintendent of public instruction, that all schools in the district have instructional programs in place to make optimum use of each day in the regular school year.

(3) A school district may use the additional days for any one or a combination of the following purposes:

(a) to provide additional instructional programs for students;

(b) for curriculum and lesson plan development;

(c) for ongoing professional development for educators and support staff; or



28           (d) to deal with matters related to concluding a school year, such as recording final grades  
29 and inventorying textbooks.

30           (4) The Legislature shall provide an annual appropriation to fund the program established  
31 in this section.

32           Section 2. **Effective date.**

33           This act takes effect on July 1, 2001.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**