

SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DAYS

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a pilot program to evaluate the effects on student academic achievement of reducing the school term for the purpose of conducting professional development for instructional staff.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates a pilot program to evaluate the effects on student academic achievement of reducing the minimum school term established by the State Board of Education by up to 22 hours for the purpose of conducting professional development for instructional staff;
- ▶ requires a local school board to submit a plan to the State Board of Education to participate in the pilot program;
- ▶ allows the State Board of Education to determine the number of schools and school districts that may participate in the pilot program;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to report to the Education Interim Committee on the findings from the pilot program; and
- ▶ sunsets the pilot program on July 1, 2008.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63-55b-153, as last amended by Chapters 131 and 223, Laws of Utah 2003

ENACTS:

53A-3-702, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-3-702** is enacted to read:

53A-3-702. Professional development pilot program.

(1) A pilot program is created to evaluate the effects on student academic achievement of reducing the minimum school term established by the State Board of Education by up to 22 hours for the purpose of conducting professional development for instructional staff.

(2) To participate in the pilot program, a local school board shall submit a plan to a community council for approval before submission to the State Board of Education that includes the following information:

- (a) the schools intending to participate in the pilot program;
- (b) the revised school schedule;
- (c) a description of the professional development activities;
- (d) the expected outcomes from the professional development, including measurable academic achievement goals; and
- (e) the method of evaluating the effectiveness of the professional development.

(3) The State Board of Education shall determine the maximum number of school districts and schools that may participate in the pilot program.

(4) The State Board of Education shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, for the implementation of the pilot program.

(5) The State Board of Education shall submit to the Education Interim Committee:

- (a) preliminary findings from the pilot program by October 1, 2006; and
- (b) a final report and recommendations for expansion of the program by October 1, 2007.

Section 2. Section **63-55b-153** is amended to read:

63-55b-153. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.

- (1) Subsection 53-3-205(9)(a)(i)(D) is repealed July 1, 2007.
- (2) Subsection 53-3-804(2)(g) is repealed July 1, 2007.
- (3) Title 53, Chapter 12, State Olympic Public Safety Command Act, is repealed July 1, 2003.
- (4) Section 53A-1-403.5 is repealed July 1, 2007.
- (5) Section 53A-3-702 is repealed July 1, 2008.
- ~~(5)~~ (6) Section 53B-8-104.5 is repealed July 1, 2009.