

1 **SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2 **DAYS**

3 2004 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Bradley G. Last**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill allows a local school board to approve up to five school days during the school
10 term for professional development activities at individual schools.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ authorizes a local board of education to annually approve, for individual schools, up
14 to the equivalent of five full school days during the school year for professional
15 development activities; and

16 ▶ requires the local school board to make, prior to the approval, specified findings
17 that the school could maintain or improve student performance with the
18 professional development activities.

19 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

20 None

21 **Other Special Clauses:**

22 None

23 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

24 ENACTS:

25 **53A-3-702**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



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

29 **53A-3-702. Professional development days.**

30 (1) (a) A local board of education may annually approve, for individual schools, up to
31 the equivalent of five full school days or a maximum of 27.5 hours during the school year for
32 professional development activities that occur during the school day.

33 (b) Prior to the annual approval, the local school board shall make a finding that the
34 school could maintain or improve student performance with the professional development
35 activities, after a review of:

36 (i) accreditation requirements;

37 (ii) the school's performance under U-PASS (Utah Performance Assessment System
38 for Students) and the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et. seq.; and

39 (iii) other factors associated with student achievement in the school.

40 (2) (a) Time spent during the school day for the professional development activities is
41 considered part of the school term described in Subsection 53A-17a-103(5)(c).

42 (b) Average daily membership for a full school day of professional development
43 activities is counted as that of the previous school day.

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

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School Professional Development Days

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State Impact

Provisions of this bill may be handled within current budget allocations.

Individual and Business Impact

No Fiscal Impact

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst