

HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ron Bigelow

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes the Higher Education Access Enhancement Program to provide additional educational opportunities for post-high school students.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ establishes the Higher Education Access Enhancement Program to offer a statewide on-line associate's degree through Snow College and the College of Eastern Utah;
- ▶ provides Snow College's responsibilities for the program; and
- ▶ makes a nonlapsing appropriation.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$2,000,000 from the Education Fund for fiscal year 2008-09 to Snow College; and
- ▶ for fiscal year 2008-09 only, \$500,000 from the Education Fund to Snow College.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2008.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53B-16-209, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **53B-16-209** is enacted to read:

53B-16-209. Higher Education Access Enhancement Program -- Snow College.

(1) There is established the Higher Education Access Enhancement Program to provide additional educational opportunities for post-high school students who may face barriers to enrollment in traditional higher education programs.

(2) Snow College shall:

(a) establish and manage the Higher Education Access Enhancement Program;

(b) make its on-line courses available statewide through the program to allow a student to complete the courses required for an associate's degree;

(c) contract with the College of Eastern Utah to provide:

(i) local access to the program for students within the region served by the College of Eastern Utah; and

(ii) other services relating to the program;

(d) extend the program beyond its campus and the region served by the College of Eastern Utah to provide local access for students through at least two additional rural centers; and

(e) advertise the program to potential students.

Section 2. Appropriation.

As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated from the Education Fund for fiscal year 2008-09, \$2,000,000 to Snow College for the Higher Education Access Enhancement Program established in Section 53B-16-209.

Section 3. Appropriation.

(1) There is appropriated \$500,000 from the Education Fund for fiscal year 2008-09 only, to Snow College for start-up costs of the Higher Education Access Enhancement Program established in Section 53B-16-209, including promotion of the program.

(2) The appropriation under Subsection (1) is nonlapsing.

Section 4. Effective date.

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2008.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

This bill appropriates \$2,500,000 (\$500,000 one-time) from the Education Fund to Snow College for the Higher Education Access Enhancement Program.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Education Fund	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Education Fund, One-Time	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Some post-high school students would benefit from additional higher education opportunities.
