

1 **LOCAL CONTROL OF CLASSROOM TIME REQUIREMENTS**

2 2014 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond**

5 House Sponsor: Jim Bird

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill allows a local school board or charter school governing board to reduce the
10 number of instructional hours or days within the school term for certain purposes.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ allows a local school board or charter school governing board to reallocate
14 instructional hours or schools days to teacher preparation time or teacher
15 professional development; and
16 ▶ provides that the reallocated hours or days are considered part of the school term
17 that is required for the Minimum School Program.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 AMENDS:

24 **53A-17a-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 371

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

27 Section 1. Section **53A-17a-103** is amended to read:

28 **53A-17a-103. Definitions.**

29 As used in this chapter:

30 (1) "Basic state-supported school program" or "basic program" means public education
31 programs for kindergarten, elementary, and secondary school students that are operated and
32 maintained for the amount derived by multiplying the number of weighted pupil units for each
33 school district or charter school by the value established each year in statute, except as
34 otherwise provided in this chapter.

35 (2) (a) "Certified revenue levy" means a property tax levy that provides an amount of
36 ad valorem property tax revenue equal to the sum of:

37 (i) the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue to be generated statewide in the
38 previous year from imposing a minimum basic tax rate, as specified in Subsection
39 [53A-17a-135\(1\)\(a\)](#); and

40 (ii) the product of:

41 (A) new growth, as defined in:

42 (I) [Section 59-2-924](#); and

43 (II) rules of the State Tax Commission; and

44 (B) the minimum basic tax rate certified by the State Tax Commission for the previous
45 year.

46 (b) For purposes of this Subsection (2), "ad valorem property tax revenue" does not
47 include property tax revenue received statewide from personal property that is:

48 (i) assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 3, County
49 Assessment; and

50 (ii) semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

51 (c) For purposes of calculating the certified revenue levy described in this Subsection
52 (2), the State Tax Commission shall use:

53 (i) the taxable value of real property assessed by a county assessor contained on the
54 assessment roll;

55 (ii) the taxable value of real and personal property assessed by the State Tax
56 Commission; and

57 (iii) the taxable year end value of personal property assessed by a county assessor

58 contained on the prior year's assessment roll.

59 (3) "Pupil in average daily membership (ADM)" means a full-day equivalent pupil.

60 (4) (a) "State-supported minimum school program" or "Minimum School Program"
61 means public school programs for kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools as
62 described in this Subsection (4).

63 (b) The minimum school program established in school districts and charter schools
64 shall include the equivalent of a school term of nine months as determined by the State Board
65 of Education.

66 (c) (i) The board shall establish the number of days or equivalent instructional hours
67 that school is held for an academic school year.

68 (ii) Education, enhanced by utilization of technologically enriched delivery systems,
69 when approved by local school boards or charter school governing boards, shall receive full
70 support by the State Board of Education as it pertains to fulfilling the attendance requirements,
71 excluding time spent viewing commercial advertising.

72 (d) (i) A local school board or charter school governing board may reallocate up to 32
73 instructional hours or 4 school days established under Subsection (4)(c) for teacher preparation
74 time or teacher professional development.

75 (ii) A reallocation of instructional hours or school days under Subsection (4)(d)(i) is
76 subject to the approval of two-thirds of the members of a local school board or charter school
77 governing board voting in a regularly scheduled meeting:

78 (A) at which a quorum of the local school board or charter school governing board is
79 present; and

80 (B) held in compliance with Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

81 (iii) If a local school board or charter school governing board reallocates instructional
82 hours or school days as provided by this Subsection (4)(d), the school district or charter school
83 shall notify students' parents and guardians of the school calendar at least 90 days before the
84 beginning of the school year.

85 (iv) Instructional hours or school days reallocated for teacher preparation time or

86 teacher professional development pursuant to this Subsection (4)(d) is considered part of a
87 school term referred to in Subsection (4)(b).

88 [~~(d)~~] (e) The Minimum School Program includes a program or allocation funded by a
89 line item appropriation or other appropriation designated as follows:

- 90 (i) Basic School Program;
- 91 (ii) Related to Basic Programs;
- 92 (iii) Voted and Board Levy Programs; or
- 93 (iv) Minimum School Program.

94 (5) "Weighted pupil unit or units or WPU or WPUs" means the unit of measure of
95 factors that is computed in accordance with this chapter for the purpose of determining the
96 costs of a program on a uniform basis for each district.