1	TEACHER SALARY SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS
2	2017 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Francis D. Gibson
5	Senate Sponsor:
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7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill amends provisions related to the Teacher Salary Supplement Program.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	 amends the definition of "qualifying educational background" to include certain
13	teachers with a background in earth science; and
14	 makes technical and conforming changes.
15	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
16	None
17	Other Special Clauses:
18	None
19	Utah Code Sections Affected:
20	AMENDS:
21	53A-17a-156, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 217
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23	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
24	Section 1. Section 53A-17a-156 is amended to read:
25	53A-17a-156. Teacher Salary Supplement Program Appeal process.
26	(1) As used in this section:
27	(a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

28	(b) "Certificate teacher" means a teacher who holds a National Board certification.
29	(c) "Eligible teacher" means a teacher who:
30	(i) has an assignment to teach:
31	(A) a secondary school level mathematics course;
32	(B) integrated science in grade seven or eight;
33	(C) chemistry;
34	(D) physics; or
35	(E) computer science;
36	(ii) holds the appropriate endorsement for the assigned course;
37	(iii) has qualifying educational background; and
38	(iv) (A) is a new employee; or
39	(B) received a satisfactory rating or above on the teacher's most recent evaluation.
40	(d) "National Board certification" means the same as that term is defined in Section
41	53A-6-103.
42	(e) "Qualifying educational background" means:
43	(i) for a teacher who is assigned a secondary school level mathematics course:
44	(A) a bachelor's degree major, master's degree, or doctoral degree in mathematics; or
45	(B) a bachelor's degree major, master's degree, or doctoral degree that has course
46	requirements that are substantially equivalent to the course requirements for a bachelor's degree
47	major, master's degree, or doctoral degree in mathematics;
48	(ii) for a teacher who is assigned a grade seven or eight integrated science course,
49	chemistry course, or physics course, a bachelor's degree major, master's degree, or doctoral
50	degree in:
51	(A) integrated science;
52	(B) chemistry;
53	(C) physics;
54	(D) physical science;
55	(E) earth science;
56	[(E)] (F) general science; or
57	[(F)] (G) a bachelor's degree major, master's degree, or doctoral degree that has course
58	requirements that are substantially equivalent to the course requirements of those required for a

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59 degree listed in Subsections (1)(e)(ii)(A) through [(E)](F); (iii) for a teacher who is assigned a computer science course, a bachelor's degree major, 60 master's degree, or doctoral degree in: 61 62 (A) computer science; 63 (B) computer information technology; or 64 (C) a bachelor's degree major, master's degree, or doctoral degree that has course 65 requirements that are substantially equivalent to the course requirements of those required for a 66 degree listed in Subsections (1)(e)(iii)(A) and (B). 67 (f) "Title I school" means a school that receives funds under the Elementary and 68 Secondary Education Act of 1965, Title I, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq. 69 (g) "Title I school certificate teacher" means a certificate teacher who is assigned to 70 teach at a Title I school. 71 (2) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall annually appropriate 72 money to the Teacher Salary Supplement Restricted Account established in Section 73 53A-17a-157 to fund the Teacher Salary Supplement Program. 74 (b) Money appropriated for the Teacher Salary Supplement Program shall include money for the following employer-paid benefits: 75 76 (i) retirement; 77 (ii) workers' compensation; 78 (iii) social security; and 79 (iv) Medicare. 80 (3) (a) (i) The annual salary supplement for an eligible teacher who is assigned full 81 time to teach one or more courses listed in Subsections (1)(c)(i)(A) through (E) is \$4,100. 82 (ii) An eligible teacher who has a part-time assignment to teach one or more courses 83 listed in Subsections (1)(c)(i)(A) through (E) shall receive a partial salary supplement based on 84 the number of hours worked in a course assignment that meets the requirements of Subsections 85 (1)(c)(ii) and (iii). 86 (b) The annual salary supplement for a certificate teacher is \$750. 87 (c) (i) The annual salary supplement for a Title I school certificate teacher is \$1,500. 88 (ii) A certificate teacher who qualifies for a salary supplement under Subsections (3)(b) 89 and (c) may only receive the salary supplement that is greater in value.

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90	(4) The board shall:
91	(a) create an online application system for a teacher to apply to receive a salary
92	supplement through the Teacher Salary Supplement Program;
93	(b) determine if a teacher:
94	(i) (A) is an eligible teacher; and
95	(B) has a course assignment as listed in Subsections (1)(c)(i)(A) through (E);
96	(ii) is a certificate teacher; or
97	(iii) is a Title I school certificate teacher;
98	(c) verify, as needed, the determinations made under Subsection (4)(b) with school
99	district and school administrators; and
100	(d) certify a list of eligible teachers, certificate teachers, and Title I school certificate
101	teachers.
102	(5) (a) An eligible teacher, a certificate teacher, or a Title I school certificate teacher
103	shall apply with the board before the conclusion of a school year to receive the salary
104	supplement authorized in this section.
105	(b) An eligible teacher, a certificate teacher, or a Title I school certificate teacher may
106	apply with the board, after verification that the requirements under this section have been
107	satisfied, to receive a salary supplement after the completion of:
108	(i) the school year as an annual award; or
109	(ii) a semester or trimester as a partial award based on the portion of the school year
110	that has been completed.
111	(6) (a) The board shall establish and administer an appeal process for a teacher to
112	follow if the teacher applies for the salary supplement and is not certified under Subsection (4).
113	(b) (i) The appeal process established in Subsection (6)(a) shall allow a teacher to
114	appeal eligibility as an eligible teacher on the basis that the teacher has a degree or degree
115	major with course requirements that are substantially equivalent to the course requirements for
116	a degree listed in:
117	(A) Subsection $(1)(e)(i)(A)$;
118	(B) Subsections (1)(e)(ii)(A) through $[(E)]$ (F); or
119	(C) Subsections (1)(e)(iii)(A) and (B).
120	(ii) A teacher shall provide transcripts and other documentation to the board in order

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121 for the board to determine if the teacher has a degree or degree major with course requirements 122 that are substantially equivalent to the course requirements for a degree listed in: 123 (A) Subsection (1)(e)(i)(A); (B) Subsections (1)(e)(ii)(A) through $\left[\frac{(E)}{(E)}\right]$ (F); or 124 125 (C) Subsections (1)(e)(iii)(A) and (B). 126 (c) (i) The appeal process established under Subsection (6)(a) shall allow a teacher to 127 appeal eligibility as a certificate teacher on the basis that the teacher holds a current certificate. 128 (ii) A teacher shall provide to the board a certificate or other related documentation in 129 order for the board to determine if the teacher holds a current certificate. 130 (d) (i) The appeal process established under Subsection (6)(a) shall allow a teacher to 131 appeal eligibility as a Title I school certificate teacher on the basis that the teacher: 132 (A) holds a current certificate; and 133 (B) is assigned to teach at a Title I school. (ii) A teacher shall provide to the board: 134 135 (A) information described in Subsection (6)(c)(ii); and 136 (B) verification that the teacher is assigned to teach at a Title I school. (7) (a) The board shall distribute money from the Teacher Salary Supplement 137 138 Restricted Account to school districts and charter schools for the Teacher Salary Supplement 139 Program in accordance with the provisions of this section. 140 (b) The board shall include the employer-paid benefits described under Subsection 141 (2)(b) in the amount of each salary supplement. 142 (c) The employer-paid benefits described under Subsection (2)(b) are an addition to the 143 salary supplement limits described under Subsection (3). 144 (8) (a) Money received from the Teacher Salary Supplement Restricted Account shall 145 be used by a school district or charter school to provide a salary supplement equal to the 146 amount specified in Subsection (3) for each eligible teacher, certificate teacher, or Title I 147 school certificate teacher. 148 (b) The salary supplement is part of the teacher's base pay, subject to the teacher's 149 qualification as an eligible teacher, a certificate teacher, or a Title I school certificate teacher 150 every year, semester, or trimester. 151 (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the appropriation for the program

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- 152 is insufficient to cover the costs associated with salary supplements, the board may limit or
- 153 reduce the salary supplements.

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