

**BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR PREVENTION PROGRAMS
IN PUBLIC EDUCATION**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Susan Pulsipher

Senate Sponsor: Ann Millner

LONG TITLE

~~H→ [Committee Note:~~

~~———— The Education Interim Committee recommended this bill:~~

~~———— Legislative Vote: 16 voting for 0 voting against 2 absent] ←H~~

General Description:

This bill establishes block grant funding for the implementation of comprehensive prevention programs in local education agencies.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ establishes block grant funding for the implementation of comprehensive prevention programs in local education agencies (LEAs);
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education (State Board) to:
 - make rules to establish and administer the grant application process; and
 - provide LEAs with certain resources and support;
- ▶ provides for the allowable uses of the block grant funding;
- ▶ allows LEAs to:
 - choose to implement a comprehensive prevention plan with block grant funding or implement individual prevention plans with existing funding restrictions; and
 - submit one comprehensive report instead of individually required reports if the



- 183 (i) substance abuse prevention programs described in Section 53E-3-522;
 184 (ii) gang prevention and intervention programs described in Section 53F-2-410;
 185 (iii) youth suicide prevention programs described in Section 53G-9-702; and
 186 (iv) positive behavior plans described in Section 53G-10-407;

187 (b) ~~H→ [that includes trauma-informed practices, training, and resources; and] that~~
 187a includes information on the impact of childhood trauma on student learning, including
 187b information advising educators against practicing medicine, giving a diagnosis, or providing
 187c treatment; and ←H

188 (c) that an LEA designs in collaboration with the state board, as described in
 189 Subsection (4)(a)(i), and with input from parents, students, educators, and student support staff
 190 within the LEA.

191 (2) Subject to legislative appropriations, the state board shall distribute block grant
 192 funding to LEAs for use in accordance with Subsection (5)(b)(iii) to implement a
 193 comprehensive prevention plan that the state board approves in accordance with Subsection
 194 (3).

195 (3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
 196 state board shall make rules to:

197 (a) establish an application process that allows an LEA to:

198 (i) articulate the approach and rationale underlying the LEA's comprehensive
 199 prevention plan;

200 (ii) demonstrate the LEA's specific prevention needs;

201 (iii) provide data that supports the substance and cost of the LEA's comprehensive
 202 prevention plan;

203 (iv) outline the ways in which the LEA will use the block grant funding in a united
 204 prevention effort to achieve the outcomes that the individual programs described in Subsection
 205 (1) target; and

206 (v) identify the specific outcomes described in Subsection (3)(a)(iv) by which the LEA
 207 will measure the success of the comprehensive prevention plan; and

208 (b) establish additional grant application conditions.

209 (4) The state board shall:

210 (a) (i) provide guidance to each LEA that is preparing a prevention block grant funding
 211 application on the design and implementation of the LEA's comprehensive prevention program;

212 (ii) review each prevention block grant funding application for compliance and
 213 eligibility; and