

1                    **Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen M. Peterson**

Senate Sponsor: Chris H. Wilson

3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5        This bill amends provisions regarding the Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program  
6 (program).

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8        This bill:

- 9            ▶ provides that a student teacher is eligible for the program regardless of the institution at  
10 which the student teacher is enrolled;
- 11            ▶ limits the availability of program funds if the student teacher receives funding from  
12 another state program;
- 13            ▶ provides for one-time funding from a certain account in certain circumstances;
- 14            ▶ requires the State Board of Education to annually report the anticipated cost of certain  
15 one-time appropriations to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst; and
- 16            ▶ makes technical changes.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18        None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20        This bill provides a special effective date.

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 AMENDS:

23        **53F-5-223**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 449

24        **53F-9-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 322

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

27        Section 1. Section **53F-5-223** is amended to read:

28        **53F-5-223 . Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program.**

29 (1) As used in this section:

30        (a) "Eligible student teacher" means a student teacher who:

- 31 (i) is enrolled in an educator preparation program that leads to a ~~Utah~~ professional  
 31a professional  
 32 level educator license, regardless of whether the student teacher is enrolled at a  
 33 state institution described in Section 53B-1-102, or another public or private  
 34 institution within the state or another state; ~~and~~
- 35 (ii) works at an LEA ~~within the state~~ as a full-time student teacher to meet the  
 35a educator preparation  
 36 program requirements ~~and~~
- 37a **(iii) signs an affidavit demonstrating the student teacher's intent to work in Utah**  
**and pursue a Utah professional level educator license.**
- 37 (b) "License" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-6-102.  
 38 (c) "Program" means the Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program described in  
 39 Subsection (2).
- 40 (2) This section creates the Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program.  
 41 (3) Subject to legislative appropriations, the state board shall award a grant to an eligible  
 42 student teacher who:  
 43 (a) submits an application to the state board;  
 44 (b) is enrolled and in good standing in an educator preparation program leading to a  
 45 Utah professional level educator license;  
 46 (c) seeks to obtain the student teacher's first Utah professional level educator license;  
 47 (d) has not received a grant award under the program or funding from another state  
 48 program regarding the student teaching; and  
 49 (e) does not receive compensation during the student teaching experience from:  
 50 (i) an LEA, unless the eligible student teacher works as a substitute teacher ~~or~~ **athletic**  
 51 **coach** **in an extracurricular activity** ;  
 52 (ii) a work service program offered through the Department of Workforce Services; or  
 53 (iii) the Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline Program as described in Section  
 54 53F-5-218.
- 55 (4) The state board shall determine the amount of the grant award.  
 56 (5) The state board may, subject to legislative appropriations and the number of applicants:  
 57 (a) reduce the amount of the grant award; and  
 58 (b) distribute grant awards on a pro rata basis.
- 59 Section 6. Section **53F-9-204** is amended to read:  
 60 **53F-9-204 . Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account.**

- 61 (1) There is created within the Uniform School Fund a restricted account known as the  
62 "Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account."
- 63 (2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the account shall be funded from the  
64 following revenue sources:
- 65 (i) 15% of the difference between, as determined by the Office of the Legislative  
66 Fiscal Analyst:
- 67 (A) the estimated amount of ongoing Income Tax Fund and Uniform School Fund  
68 revenue available for the Legislature to appropriate for the next fiscal year; and  
69 (B) the amount of ongoing appropriations from the Income Tax Fund and Uniform  
70 School Fund in the current fiscal year; and
- 71 (ii) other appropriations as the Legislature may designate.
- 72 (b) If the appropriation described in Subsection (2)(a) would cause the ongoing  
73 appropriations to the account to exceed 11% of Uniform School Fund appropriations  
74 described in Section 53F-9-201.1 for the same fiscal year, the Legislature shall  
75 appropriate only those funds necessary to ensure that the ongoing appropriations to  
76 the account equal 11% of Uniform School Fund appropriations for that fiscal year.
- 77 (3) Subject to the availability of ongoing appropriations to the account, in accordance with  
78 Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 5, Subsection (4), the ongoing appropriation to the  
79 account shall be used to fund:
- 80 (a) except for a year described in Subsection (3)(b), one-time appropriations to the  
81 public education system; and
- 82 (b) the Minimum School Program for a year in which Income Tax Fund revenue and  
83 Uniform School Fund revenue are insufficient to fund:
- 84 (i) ongoing appropriations to the public education system; and  
85 (ii) enrollment growth and inflation estimates, as defined in Section 53F-9-201.1.
- 86 (4)(a) The account shall earn interest.
- 87 (b) All interest earned on account money shall be deposited in the account.
- 88 (5) On or before December 31, 2023, and every three years thereafter, the Office of the  
89 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall:
- 90 (a) review the percentages described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) and (2)(b); and  
91 (b) recommend to the Executive Appropriations Subcommittee any changes based on  
92 the review described in Subsection (5)(a).
- 93 (6) In preparing budget bills for a given fiscal year, the Executive Appropriations  
94 Committee shall make the one-time appropriations described in Subsection (3)(a) by

95 appropriating at least the lesser of 10% of the total amount of the one-time appropriations[;]

96 or:

97 (a) the cost of providing 32 paid professional hours for teachers in accordance with

98 Section 53F-7-203;[~~and~~]

99 (b) the amount to make the distribution required under Section 53F-2-527[-] ; and

100 (c) the cost of the Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program described in Section

101 53F-5-223.

102 (7) No later than October 15 of each year, the state board shall report to the Office of the

103 Legislative Fiscal Analyst an estimated cost for each of the one-time appropriations

104 described in Subsection (6).

105 Section 10. **Effective Date.**

106 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.