

1 **Dual Language Immersion Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor:

3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill amends provisions related to concurrent enrollment courses for accelerated foreign
6 language students.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

- 9 ▶ defines terms;
- 10 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes;
- 11 ▶ requires universities to teach certain upper-level concurrent enrollment courses;
- 12 ▶ requires a qualified teacher to teach certain courses; and
- 13 ▶ allows a local education agency to partner with state institutions outside the service area
14 that contains the local education agency.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 This bill provides a special effective date.

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **53E-10-307**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 129

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

24 Section 1. Section **53E-10-307** is amended to read:

25 **53E-10-307 . Concurrent enrollment courses for accelerated foreign language**
26 **students.**

27 (1) As used in this section:

28 (a) "Accelerated foreign language student" means an eligible student who has passed a
29 world language Advanced Placement exam.

30 (b) "Blended learning delivery model" means an education delivery model in which a

31 student learns, at least in part:

32 (i) through online learning with an element of student control over time, place, path,
33 and pace; and

34 (ii) in the physical presence of an instructor.

35 (c) "Program" means the Utah Language Bridge Program, the foreign language
36 concurrent enrollment program described in this section.

37 (d) "Service area" means the geographic area, as board policy determines, where a state
38 university has primary responsibility for providing educational programs and services.

39 [(e)] (e) "State university" means an institution of higher education that offers courses
40 leading to a bachelor's degree.

41 (f) "Qualified instructor" means:

42 (i) a university instructor of record:

43 (A) who holds a master's degree or higher;

44 (B) who demonstrates language proficiency of advanced-high or higher on a
45 verbal and written exam from a nationally recognized organization used to
46 assess an instructor's language proficiency; and

47 (C) whom an institution hires according to the standards of the institution; or

48 (ii) a high school instructor of record who:

49 (A) holds a master's degree or higher or has at least 18 completed credit hours of
50 graduate course work in an academic field related to the program;

51 (B) demonstrates language proficiency of advanced-high or higher on a verbal and
52 written exam from a nationally recognized organization used to assess an
53 instructor's language proficiency; and

54 (C) has taught an upper division language course at a state university or has
55 previously taught at least three Utah Language Bridge Program courses at a
56 high school with a university co-teacher.

57 (2) The University of Utah shall partner with all state universities to develop and maintain,
58 as part of the concurrent enrollment program described in this part, concurrent
59 enrollment courses that:

60 (a) are age-appropriate foreign language courses for accelerated foreign language
61 students participating in the program;

62 (b) count toward a foreign language degree offered by an institution of higher education;
63 and

64 (c) [are delivered] the university delivers:

- 65 (i) using a blended learning delivery model; and
- 66 (ii) ~~[by an eligible]~~ through a qualified instructor~~[described in Subsection~~
- 67 ~~53E-10-302(6)(a)]~~.
- 68 (3) Subject to budget constraints, in addition to the base increases described in Section
- 69 53F-2-208, the Legislature shall annually increase the money appropriated for
- 70 concurrent enrollment courses for accelerated foreign language students participating in
- 71 the program in proportion to the percentage increase over the previous school year in the
- 72 value of the weighted pupil unit.
- 73 (4)(a) A state university that offers an upper division course under this program shall
- 74 ensure that a qualified instructor teaches or co-teaches the upper division course.
- 75 (b) If a state university cannot provide a qualified instructor to an LEA in the state
- 76 university's service area in accordance with Subsection (4)(a), an LEA may:
- 77 (i) partner with a state institution from outside the service area that contains the LEA
- 78 to provide a course at the 3000 level under this program; and
- 79 (ii) enter into a contract with a state institution from outside the service area that
- 80 contains the LEA, in accordance with Section 53E-10-303, to provide the program
- 81 at the LEA.
- 82 (5) A state university that offers an upper division course under this section shall ensure the
- 83 course counts toward a foreign language degree an institution of higher education offers.
- 84 Section 2. **Effective Date.**
- 85 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.