

Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee

FY 2014 Intent Language

The following items of intent language were passed in House Bill 2, Public Education Budget Amendments (2013 General Session). If the Legislature continues funding these programs in FY 2015, they may wish to consider including the following items in the final education appropriations bill.

Teacher Supplies & Materials

(1) As used in this section, "classroom teacher" or "teacher" means permanent teacher positions filled by one teacher or two or more job-sharing teachers:

- (a) who are licensed personnel;
- (b) who are paid on the teacher's salary schedule;
- (c) who are hired for an entire contract period; and
- (d) whose primary function is to provide instructional or a combination of instructional and counseling services to students in public schools.

(2) (a) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for Teacher Supplies and Materials to classroom teachers in school districts, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and charter schools on the basis of the number of classroom teachers in each school as compared to the total number of classroom teachers. (b) Teachers shall receive up to the following amounts:

- (i) a teacher on salary schedule steps one through three teaching in grades kindergarten through 6 or preschool handicapped - \$250;
 - (ii) a teacher on salary schedule steps one through three teaching in grades 7 through 12 - \$200;
 - (iii) a teacher on salary schedule step four or higher teaching in grades kindergarten through 6 or preschool handicapped - \$175; and
 - (iv) a teacher on salary schedule step four or higher teaching in grades 7 through 12 - \$150.
- (c) If the appropriation is not sufficient to provide to each teacher the full amount allowed under Subsection (2)(b), teachers on salary schedule steps one through three shall receive the full amount allowed with the remaining money apportioned to all other teachers.

(3) Teachers shall spend money appropriated for classroom supplies and materials for school supplies, materials, or field trips under rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

Flexible Allocation

The Legislature intends that the appropriation for the "Flexible Allocation – WPU Distribution" program be distributed to school districts and charter schools on the basis of the number of weighted pupil units in a school district or charter school compared to the total number of weighted pupil units and that the State Board of Education provide for the reporting of school districts and charter schools expenditures of the program money

Charter Schools – FY 2016 Enrollment Growth

The Legislature intends that enrollment in charter schools in the 2014-15 school year may increase up to 7,650 students over the projected enrollment of 56,927 in the 2013-14 school year.

Recommended Language for 2014 General Session

The Legislature intends that enrollment in charter schools in the 2015-16 school year may increase up to 8,450 students over the projected enrollment of 66,578 in the 2014-15 school year.