

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT REVISIONS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill expands the eligibility of a PRIME program certificate.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ expands the eligibility options to earn a TRANSFORM certificate;
- ▶ requires the Utah Board of Higher Education to determine scholarship amounts; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53E-10-309, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 167

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

Section 1. Section **53E-10-309** is amended to read:

53E-10-309. Utah PRIME Program -- LAUNCH certificate -- TRANSFORM certificate.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Eligible institution" means:

(i) a degree-granting institution of higher education or a technical college within the state system of higher education, as identified in ~~[Section]~~ Subsection 53B-2-101(1); or

(ii) a private, nonprofit college or university in the state that is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

(b) "Industry certification" means a career and technical education certification awarded through validation of skills in cooperation with a business, trade association, or other

industry group, in accordance with rules adopted by the state board under Section 53F-2-311.

(c) "Institutional certificate" means a career and technical education program completion certificate awarded by the state board, an institution of higher education, or a technical college.

(d) "LAUNCH certificate" means a certificate of completion awarded by the state board to an eligible student who meets the criteria described in this section.

(e) "Participating LEA" means an LEA that participates in the program.

(f) "Program" means the Utah PRIME program described in Subsection ~~[(5)]~~ (6).

(g) "Plan for college and career readiness" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-2-304.

(h) "Qualifying student" means an eligible student who meets the criteria for a LAUNCH certificate or a TRANSFORM certificate as described in this section.

(i) "Technical college" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53B-1-101.5.

(j) "TRANSFORM certificate" means a certificate of completion established by the Utah Board of Higher Education in accordance with Section 53B-16-105.

(2) The state board shall award a LAUNCH certificate to an eligible student who:

(a) completes six concurrent enrollment credits;

(b) is awarded an industry certification or institutional certificate; and

(c) has on file a plan for college and career readiness.

(3) The state board shall award a TRANSFORM certificate to an eligible student who completes:

(a) ~~[completes]~~ both:

(i) the requirements established by the Utah Board of Higher Education in accordance with Section 53B-16-105 and in coordination with the state board; and

(ii) completes five general education courses, each from a different general education category, as designated for concurrent enrollment by the Utah Board of Higher Education; ~~[or]~~

(b) ~~[completes]~~ a career and technical education program that is at least 300 hours or 6 courses~~[-];~~ or

(c) a youth apprenticeship as described in Sections 35A-6-102 and 35A-6-104.5.

~~[(c)-(i)]~~(4) (a) Subject to appropriations by the Legislature, the Utah Board of Higher Education shall award to each student who earns a TRANSFORM certificate a ~~[\$500]~~ PRIME

64 scholarship to be used at an eligible institution.

65 (b) The Utah Board of Higher Education shall annually determine the PRIME
66 scholarship amount based on:

67 (i) the number of eligible students; and

68 (ii) appropriations made by the Legislature.

69 ~~[(ii)]~~ (c) A student may earn the scholarship described in Subsection ~~[(3)(c)(i)]~~
70 ~~regardless of whether the student receives]~~ (4)(a) and an Opportunity Scholarship award
71 described in Section 53B-8-201.

72 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The Utah Board of Higher Education shall make rules in accordance with Title
73 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to ensure that credits described in
74 Subsections (2) and (3) earned by a qualifying student are transferable to institutions of higher
75 education.

76 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) In accordance with this section, and subject to appropriations by the
77 Legislature for this purpose, the state board shall:

78 (a) administer the Utah PRIME program to expand access to concurrent enrollment
79 courses and career and technical education certificates by expanding digital delivery models for
80 distance learning programs or funding enrollment in participating LEAs; and

81 (b) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
82 Rulemaking Act, to:

83 (i) establish eligibility requirements for a participating LEA;

84 (ii) create an application process for LEAs to apply for the program; and

85 (iii) create a funding formula for participating LEAs.

86 (c) A participating LEA shall offer concurrent enrollment courses, including career and
87 technical education courses, that meet the requirements for the LAUNCH certificate and
88 TRANSFORM certificate.

89 Section 2. **Effective date.**

90 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.