

Senator R. Mont Evans proposes to substitute the following bill:

HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: R. Mont Evans

AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROVIDING THAT FULL-TIME FACULTY AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS SHALL RECEIVE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CLASSES TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ADMITTED; PROVIDING A \$27,000 APPROPRIATION FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

53B-8-105, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53B-8-105** is enacted to read:

53B-8-105. Tuition reimbursement for full-time faculty.

(1) A full-time faculty member at a state institution of higher education who enrolls in a graduate level class at any university within the state system of higher education shall receive reimbursement from the board for one-half of the tuition paid for the class, if:

(a) the class is in a graduate program to which the faculty member has been admitted by the university; and

(b) the faculty member's employing institution verifies that the program and the class are appropriate professional development for the faculty member.

§ (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, FULL-TIME FACULTY INCLUDES FULL-TIME STAFF. §

§ ~~(2)~~ (3) § In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board shall adopt rules regarding the application process by which faculty members shall receive tuition reimbursement under this section.

Section 2. **Appropriation.**

27 Except as provided in H.B. 4, Appropriations Coordination Act, there is appropriated from
28 the General Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000, \$27,000 to the State Board of Regents for the tuition
29 reimbursement program established under Section 53B-8-105.

30 Section 3. **Effective date.**

31 This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.