

1                                   **INSERVICE FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

2   2000 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4   **Sponsor: Lawanna Shurtliff**

5 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING EACH LOCAL SCHOOL  
6 BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO  
7 ESTABLISH AN INSERVICE PROGRAM FOR ITS SCHOOL BUILDING AND DISTRICT  
8 OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS; PROVIDING A FOCUS FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING  
9 FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO  
10 MAKE A RULE REQUIRING ADMINISTRATORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM  
11 IN ORDER TO RETAIN THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSES; AND PROVIDING AN  
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

14 AMENDS:

15                   **53A-6-104**, as repealed and reenacted by Chapter 108, Laws of Utah 1999

16 ENACTS:

17                   **53A-3-411.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

19                   Section 1. Section **53A-3-411.5** is enacted to read:

20                   **53A-3-411.5. School administrators inservice program -- Focus of program -- Annual**  
21 **report.**

22                   (1) (a) Each local school board shall, in collaboration with the State Board of Education,  
23 establish an inservice program for its school administrators.

24                   (b) As used in this section, "school administrators" means school building level personnel  
25 such as principals, assistant principals, and other administrators who work directly with educators  
26 at the school building level and administrators who work in the school district office.

27                   (2) The inservice program shall focus primarily on assisting administrators to enhance their

28 skills to more effectively:

29 (a) promote the professional growth of educators in the classroom;

30 (b) identify educators whose classroom performance is inadequate;

31 (c) perform classroom observations and teacher evaluations; and

32 (d) provide opportunities to help improve the performance of educators identified under

33 Subsection (2)(b).

34 (3) The State Board of Education, through the state superintendent of public instruction,  
35 shall:

36 (a) provide inservice program models, which local boards may use to establish the program  
37 required under Subsection (1);

38 (b) during the 2000-01 school year, hold regional conferences for school administrators  
39 focused on the skills referred to in Subsection (2); and

40 (c) provide an annual report on the effectiveness of the inservice program to the  
41 Legislature, together with a budgetary recommendation for the resources required to effectively  
42 maintain the program in each school district.

43 (4) Each local school board shall hold workshops as part of its administrators' inservice  
44 program during the 2001 and 2002 school years, that:

45 (a) include a follow-up on the issues discussed in the statewide conference required under  
46 Subsection (3)(b); and

47 (b) are collaborated with the State Board of Education, through the state superintendent  
48 of public instruction.

49 Section 2. Section **53A-6-104** is amended to read:

50 **53A-6-104. Board licensure.**

51 (1) (a) The board may issue licenses for educators.

52 (b) A person employed in a position that requires licensure by the board shall hold the  
53 appropriate license.

54 (2) (a) The board may by rule rank, endorse, or otherwise classify licenses and establish  
55 the criteria for obtaining and retaining licenses.

56 (b) The board shall make rules requiring participation in;

57 (i) professional development activities in order for educators to retain their licenses; and

58 (ii) the inservice program outlined in Section 53A-3-411.5 in order for school

59 administrators to retain their administrative licenses.

60 (3) Unless suspended or revoked by the board, or surrendered by the educator, a license  
61 is valid for the following period:

62 (a) a letter of authorization is valid for one year, or a shorter period as specified by the  
63 board, subject to renewal by the board for a total of not more than four years;

64 (b) a level 1 license is valid for three years, subject to renewal by the board for a total of  
65 not more than six years;

66 (c) a level 2 license is valid for five years, subject to renewal by the board; and

67 (d) a level 3 license is valid for seven years, subject to renewal by the board.

68 Section 3. **Effective date.**

69 This act takes effect on July 1, 2000.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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