

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
INSTRUCTION FOR EDUCATORS**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Matt Throckmorton

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE RISK MANAGER AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR EDUCATORS ON POTENTIAL LIABILITIES THEY FACE IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT; PROVIDING A REVENUE SOURCE TO FUND THE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

ENACTS:

53A-1-301.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-1-301.5** is enacted to read:

53A-1-301.5. Design and implementation of educator professional development program.

(1) The State Board of Education, through the state superintendent of public instruction, and in cooperation with the State Risk Manager and the Attorney General's Office, shall design and implement an educator professional development program that includes the following components:

(a) the potential liabilities faced by educators in their employment setting and what can be done to limit those potential liabilities;

(b) the enforcement of school safety and student discipline laws and policies; and

(c) services that are available to educators from the State Risk Manager.

(2) The state superintendent shall work with local school boards and local superintendents to coordinate the professional development program referred to in Subsection (1) with professional

28 development programs provided at the school district or school level.

29 (3) (a) The Legislature shall provide an annual appropriation to the State Board of
30 Education to help fund the professional development program authorized under this section.

31 (b) The board shall closely monitor the program and make an annual report to the
32 Legislature through the Education Interim Committee on the effectiveness of the program.

33 Section 2. **Effective date.**

34 This act takes effect on July 1, 2000.

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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