

**TEACHER TRANSFERS**

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Mike Thompson**

**This act modifies provisions relating to the State System of Public Education by requiring a local school board to include the total teaching experience in Utah public schools when negotiating a contract to teach. The act permits applicants with teaching experience outside the state who are negotiating an employment contract to receive credit for 2/3 of those years. The act takes effect July 1, 2001.**

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

ENACTS:

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

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

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

**53A-3-411.5. Teaching experience employment factor.**

(1) (a) In negotiating a contract of employment to teach in the state's public schools, a local school board shall accept as credited experience all the years a teacher has taught in the state's public schools.

(b) Partial credit shall be granted for less than a full school year of teaching under rules made by the State Board of Education in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(2) A local school board shall accept 2/3 of the documented teaching experience earned outside the state as credited experience in negotiating a contract of employment to teach in the state's public schools.

(3) Since educators are employed on the basis of outstanding professional qualifications, nothing in this section may be construed to mean that teaching experience is the only consideration in negotiating a contract of employment.

28           Section 2. **Effective date.**  
29           This act takes effect on July 1, 2001.

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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.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**