

**HIGHER EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY**

**AMENDMENTS**

2002 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard**

**This act modifies the State System of Higher Education by authorizing part of the monies in the Public Education Job Enhancement Program to be used for the technology training of administrators as well as superintendents and principals. This act also authorizes those monies to be expended, regardless of matching monies being available.**

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

AMENDS:

**53A-1a-601**, as enacted by Chapter 238, Laws of Utah 2001

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

Section 1. Section **53A-1a-601** is amended to read:

**53A-1a-601. Job enhancements for technology training.**

(1) In conjunction with the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative provided for in Section 53B-6-105, there is established a Public Education Job Enhancement Program to attract, train, and retain highly qualified secondary teachers in mathematics, physics, chemistry, physical science, learning technology, and information technology.

(2) The program shall provide for the following:

(a) application by a school district superintendent or the principal of a secondary school on behalf of a qualified teacher;

(b) an award of up to \$20,000 or a scholarship to cover the tuition costs for a master's degree, an endorsement, or graduate education in the areas identified in Subsection (1) to be given to selected public school teachers on a competitive basis:

(i) whose applications are approved under Subsection 53A-1a-602(4); and

(ii) who teach at the secondary level in the state's public education system for four years in the areas identified in Subsection (1);

(c) (i) as to the cash awards under Subsection (2)(b), payment of the award in two

installments, with an initial payment of up to \$10,000 at the beginning of the term and up to \$10,000 at the conclusion of the term;

(ii) repayment of a portion of the initial payment by the teacher if the teacher fails to complete two years of the four-year teaching term in the areas identified in Subsection (1) as provided by rule of the State Board of Education in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, unless waived for good cause by the Job Enhancement Committee created in Section 53A-1a-602; and

(iii) nonpayment of the second installment if the teacher fails to complete the four-year teaching term; and

(d) (i) as to the scholarships awarded under Subsection (2)(b), provision for the providing institution to certify adequate performance in obtaining the master's degree, endorsement, or graduate education in order for the teacher to maintain the scholarship; and

(ii) repayment by the teacher of a prorated portion of the scholarship, if the teacher fails to teach in the state system of public education in the areas identified in Subsection (1) for four years after obtaining the master's degree, the endorsement, or graduate education.

(3) An individual teaching in the public schools under a letter of authorization may participate in the cash award program if:

(a) the individual has taught under the letter of authorization for at least one year in the areas referred to in Subsection (1); and

(b) the application made under Subsection (2)(a) is based in large part upon the individual receiving a superior evaluation as a classroom teacher.

(4) (a) The program may provide for the expenditure of up to \$1,000,000 of available monies, if at least an equal amount of matching monies become available, to provide professional development training to superintendents, administrators, and principals in the effective use of technology in public schools.

(b) An award granted under this Subsection (4) shall be made in accordance with criteria developed and adopted by the Job Enhancement Committee created in Section 53A-1-602.

(c) An amount up to \$120,000 of the \$1,000,000 authorized in Subsection (4)(a) may be

expended, regardless of the matching monies being available.