SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

AMENDMENTS

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Jeff Alexander

This act modifies the State System of Public Education Code by allowing a local board of education to hire a superintendent with outstanding professional qualifications who does not hold an administrative/supervisory license.

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

AMENDS:

> **53A-3-301**, as last amended by Chapter 331, Laws of Utah 2000

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

> Section 1. Section **53A-3-301** is amended to read:

> **53A-3-301. Superintendent of schools -- Appointment -- Qualifications -- Term -- Compensation.**

> (1) A local school board shall appoint a district superintendent of schools who serves as the board's chief executive officer.

> (2) (a) The board shall appoint the superintendent on the basis of outstanding professional qualifications.

> (b) The superintendent's term of office is for two years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

> (3) If it becomes necessary to appoint an interim superintendent due to a vacancy in the office of superintendent, then the board shall make an appointment during a public meeting for an indefinite term not to exceed one year, which term shall end upon the appointment and qualification of a new superintendent.

> (4) (a) The superintendent shall hold an administrative/supervisory license issued by the State Board of Education, except as otherwise provided in Subsection (4)(b).

> (b) A local board of education may request, and the State Board of Education shall grant, a letter of authorization permitting a person with outstanding professional qualifications

to serve as superintendent without holding an administrative/supervisory license [if the district has a student population of at least 15,000].

        (5) The board shall set the superintendent's compensation for services.

        (6) The superintendent qualifies for office by taking the constitutional oath of office.