

**EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR
TESTING INITIATIVE**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Leonard M. Blackham

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a program to award grants to school districts and charter schools for electronic test administration and scoring.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows the State Board of Education to award grants to school districts and charter schools for the electronic administration and scoring of summative tests required under U-PASS (Utah Performance Assessment System for Students);
- ▶ specifies how grant monies may be used; and
- ▶ directs the State Board of Education to make rules.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$10,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 to the State Board of Education.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2004.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-1-708, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

29 Section 1. Section **53A-1-708** is enacted to read:

30 **53A-1-708. Grants for electronic test administration and scoring.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "summative tests" means tests administered near the end of a course to assess
33 overall achievement of course goals; and

34 (b) "U-PASS" means the Utah Performance Assessment System for Students.

35 (2) The State Board of Education may award grants to school districts and charter
36 schools for the electronic administration and scoring of summative tests required under
37 U-PASS to enable parents of students and school staff to review the test scores by the end of
38 the school year.

39 (3) (a) Grant monies may be used to pay for any of the following, provided it is directly
40 related to the electronic administration and scoring of summative tests required under U-PASS:

41 (i) contracted testing services;

42 (ii) computer equipment and peripherals, including electronic data capture devices
43 designed for electronic test administration and scoring;

44 (iii) software;

45 (iv) networking equipment;

46 (v) upgrades of existing equipment or software;

47 (vi) upgrades of existing physical plant facilities;

48 (vii) personnel to provide technical support or coordination and management; and

49 (viii) teacher professional development.

50 (b) Equipment purchased in compliance with Subsection (3)(a), when not in use for the
51 electronic administration or scoring of summative tests required by U-PASS may be used for
52 other purposes.

53 (4) The State Board of Education may award grants only to school districts and charter
54 schools that intend to electronically administer and score summative tests required under
55 U-PASS.

56 (5) (a) The State Board of Education shall make rules specifying:

57 (i) procedures for applying for and awarding grants;

58 (ii) how grant monies shall be allocated among school districts and charter schools that

59 qualify to receive grants under Subsection (4); and
60 (iii) the reporting of grant money expenditures.

61 (b) Grant monies may not be allocated exclusively on a per pupil basis to ensure that
62 small school districts and charter schools receive adequate funds to accomplish electronic test
63 administration and scoring.

64 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

65 (1) As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is
66 appropriated from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 \$10,000,000 to the State
67 Board of Education to be distributed to school districts and charter schools for electronic test
68 administration and scoring in accordance with Section 53A-1-708.

69 (2) The appropriation in Subsection (1) shall be nonlapsing.

70 Section 3. **Effective date.**

71 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2004.

Legislative Review Note
as of 1-19-04 8:23 AM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

State Impact

This bill appropriates \$10,000,000 in Uniform School Funds to the Utah State Office of Education as an on going appropriation. The appropriation is designated as non-lapsing.

	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2005</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

The bill could provide opportunities for private businesses.
