

APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS**IMPACTED BY FEE WAIVERS**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill allows the State Board of Education to distribute funds to certain school districts impacted by fee waivers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ establishes criteria for the distribution of the funds; and
- ▶ prescribes the amount of funds an impacted school district may receive.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$500,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2005-06 to the State Board of Education.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2005.

Utah Code Sections Affected:**AMENDS:**

53A-12-103, as last amended by Chapter 111, Laws of Utah 2000

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

Section 1. Section **53A-12-103** is amended to read:

53A-12-103. Waiver of fees.



(1) (a) A local school board shall require, as part of an authorization granted under Section 53A-12-102, that adequate waivers or other provisions are available to ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to participate because of an inability to pay the required fee, deposit, or charge.

(b) (i) If, however, a student must repeat a course or requires remediation to advance or graduate and a fee is associated with the course or the remediation program, it is presumed that the student will pay the fee.

(ii) If the student or the student's parent or guardian is financially unable to pay the fee, the board shall provide for alternatives to waiving the fee, which may include installment payments and school or community service or work projects for the student.

(iii) In cases of extreme financial hardship or where the student has suffered a long-term illness, ~~or~~ death in the family, or other major emergency and where installment payments and the imposition of a service or work requirement would not be reasonable, the student may receive a partial or full waiver of the fee required under Subsection (1)(b)(i).

(iv) The waiver provisions in Subsections (2) and (3) apply to all other fees, deposits, and charges made in the secondary schools.

(v) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education shall make rules:

(A) requiring a parent or guardian of a student applying for a fee waiver to provide documentation and certification to the school verifying:

(I) the student's eligibility to receive the waiver; and

(II) the alternatives for satisfying the fee requirements under Subsection (2) have been complied with to the fullest extent reasonably possible according to the individual circumstances of both the fee waiver applicant and the school; and

(B) specifying the acceptable forms of documentation for the requirement under Subsection (1)(b)(v)(A), which shall include a verification based on income tax returns if the parent or guardian was required to file a return.

(2) (a) The board shall require each school in the district that charges a fee under this chapter to provide a variety of alternatives for satisfying the fee requirement to those who qualify for fee waivers, in addition to the outright waiver of the fee.

(b) The board shall develop and provide a list of alternatives for the schools, including

such options as allowing the student to provide:

(i) tutorial assistance to other students;

(ii) assistance before or after school to teachers and other school personnel on school related matters; and

(iii) general community or home service.

(c) Each school may add to the list of alternatives provided by the board, subject to approval by the board.

(3) A local school board may establish policies providing for partial fee waivers or other alternatives for those students who, because of extenuating circumstances, are not in a financial position to pay the entire fee.

(4) With regard to children who are in the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services who are also eligible under Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act, local school boards shall require fee waivers or alternatives in accordance with Subsections (1) through (3).

(5) (a) To compensate school districts for impacts of fee waivers, the State Board of Education may distribute funds to school districts as provided in this Subsection (5).

(b) Each school district shall receive up to \$40 per student in grades 9 through 12 eligible for free school lunch.

(c) The State Board of Education may make rules specifying procedures for the application for and distribution of funds under this Subsection (5).

Section 2. Appropriation.

As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2005-06, \$500,000 to the State Board of Education to distribute to school districts impacted by fee waivers as provided by Section 53A-12-103.

Section 3. Effective date.

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2005.

Legislative Review Note

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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Fiscal Note
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State Impact

This bill appropriates \$500,000 in ongoing Uniform School Fund revenue to the State Board of Education for distribution to school districts impacted by fee waivers.

	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst