

**LEGISLATORS INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Duane E. Bourdeaux**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires legislators to participate in public schools three days each year.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires legislators to participate one day each in:
  - a rural school district;
  - an urban school district; and
  - a school district office;
- ▶ requires travel outside the legislator's district, when necessary to accomplish this purpose;
- ▶ provides for travel expenses;
- ▶ provides for the filing of an annual report, by January 15th, to the Legislature through the Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst; and
- ▶ makes this annual report available each year at the first meeting of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**



ENACTS:

**36-12-21**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **36-12-21** is enacted to read:

**36-12-21. Legislators participation in public schools.**

(1) (a) As used in this section, "participate" means for the full school day:

(i) to attend classes;

(ii) to volunteer or teach at a school; or

(iii) to provide other assistance to the school.

(b) Each legislator shall participate three full days each calendar year in the public schools in this state. One day shall be spent in each of the following:

(i) a rural school district;

(ii) an urban school district; and

(iii) a school district office.

(c) Each legislator is encouraged as part of the legislator's participation under Subsection (1)(b) to visit a special education class or a class teaching proficiency in English as a second language.

(2) (a) If the legislator's legislative district has both a rural and an urban school district within it, the legislator shall participate in the legislator's local school districts to fulfill the requirements of Subsection (1).

(b) If a legislator's legislative district does not have an urban school district within its boundaries, the legislator shall travel outside the legislator's legislative district to accomplish the requirements of Subsection (1).

(c) If a legislator's legislative district does not have a rural school district within its boundaries, the legislator shall travel outside the legislator's legislative district to accomplish the requirements of Subsection (1).

(3) A legislator who participates in accordance with this section in a public school outside the legislator's legislative district may receive travel expenses in accordance with legislative rule.

(4) (a) Each legislator shall send a letter to the Legislature, through the Office of

59 Legislative Fiscal Analyst, no later than January 15th of each year, detailing the legislator's  
60 participation in the public schools required in Subsection (1).

61 (b) The letters described in Subsection (4)(a) shall be compiled into a report by the  
62 Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst, which shall be presented in the first Education  
63 Appropriations Subcommittee meeting during the annual general session of the Legislature.

64 (c) If any legislator fails to timely send the letter required in Subsection (4)(a), that  
65 information shall also be included in the annual report to the Education Appropriations  
66 Subcommittee required by Subsection (4)(b).

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**Legislative Review Note**

**as of 12-28-04 12:42 PM**

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**

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**Fiscal Note**  
**Bill Number HB0196**

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**State Impact**

It is estimated to cost \$5,200 from the General Fund in FY 2006 to cover the mileage reimbursement provisions of this bill. Those funds will be distributed \$900 to the Senate and \$4,300 to the House of Representatives.

	<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>
General Fund	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**