

Representative Kory M. Holdaway proposes the following substitute bill:

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes a voluntary full-day kindergarten program, with certain funding priorities.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ establishes a program, administered by the State Board of Education, through which school districts and charter schools may provide voluntary full-day kindergarten;
- ▶ establishes program requirements and funding priorities;
- ▶ requires districts to report certain information on the program's outcomes to the State Board of Education; and
- ▶ requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to report to the Education Interim Committee on the program.



28 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

29 This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints,
30 \$7,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2006-07 to the State Board of
31 Education.

32 **Other Special Clauses:**

33 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2006.

34 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

35 ENACTS:

36 **53A-1a-801**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

37 **53A-1a-802**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

38 **53A-1a-803**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

41 Section 1. Section **53A-1a-801** is enacted to read:

42 **Part 8. Voluntary Full-day Kindergarten Program**

43 **53A-1a-801. Definitions.**

44 As used in this part:

45 (1) "Full-day kindergarten" means a kindergarten program that provides at least the
46 same number of instructional hours per school year as first grade, as established under State
47 Board of Education rule.

48 (2) "Part-day kindergarten" means a kindergarten program that provides fewer
49 instructional hours than first grade, as established under State Board of Education rule.

50 Section 2. Section **53A-1a-802** is enacted to read:

51 **53A-1a-802. Voluntary full-day kindergarten program.**

52 (1) If funds are appropriated for this purpose, the State Board of Education shall
53 allocate available funds, consistent with Section 53A-1a-803, to charter schools and school
54 districts that apply to offer full-day kindergarten.

55 (2) A school district shall coordinate program application, funding, administration, and
56 reporting for its schools that participate in the program.

57 (3) A charter school or school district:

58 (a) may not require a student to participate in full-day kindergarten; ~~and~~

59 (b) shall continue to offer part-day kindergarten for students not participating in the
 60 program ~~Ĥ~~→ [] ; and

60a (c) shall continue to honor the provisions of any preexisting contractual agreement
 60b related to other early intervention programs offered at the school site, through the remaining
 60c term of the contract. ←Ĥ

61 (4) A charter school or school district that receives funds under this part shall:

62 (a) annually conduct a kindergarten readiness assessment for incoming kindergarten
 63 students prior to the beginning of the school year;

64 (b) ensure that:

65 (i) ~~Ĥ~~→ [at least 85%] a majority ←Ĥ of students enrolled in a full-day kindergarten
 65a class under this part are

66 students who have the greatest need for additional instruction, as determined by the
 67 kindergarten readiness assessment; and

68 (ii) a full-day kindergarten class does not have more enrolled students than other
 69 kindergarten classes in the school;

70 (c) utilize allocated funds to establish full-day kindergarten in the schools with greatest
 71 need as measured by the percentage of students eligible for free lunch; and

72 (d) annually report to the State Board of Education regarding:

73 (i) the number of students served;

74 (ii) the specific results achieved by the program, including any standardized testing or
 75 district-directed assessment; and

76 (iii) challenges encountered in administering the program and suggestions for
 77 improvement.

78 (5) Until 2011, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall annually report to the
 79 Education Interim Committee on the program, including a summary of information reported
 80 under Subsection (4)(d).

81 (6) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
 82 and consistent with this part, the State Board of Education shall make rules establishing
 83 application and reporting procedures necessary to administer this part.

84 Section 3. Section **53A-1a-803** is enacted to read:

85 **53A-1a-803. Voluntary full-day kindergarten program funding.**

86 (1) If funds are appropriated for this purpose, the State Board of Education shall
 87 allocate funds to charter schools and school districts.

88 (2) For charter schools, the State Board of Education shall:

89 (a) determine the total allocation for charter schools by:

90 (i) dividing the number of charter school students eligible to receive free lunch by the
91 total number of students in the public education system eligible to receive free lunch in the
92 prior school year; and

93 (ii) multiplying the resulting percentage by the total amount of available funds; and

94 (b) allocate the resulting amount of funds to individual charter schools with the greatest
95 need for full-day kindergarten, as determined by the State Board of Education in consultation
96 with the State Charter School Board.

97 (3) For school districts, the State Board of Education shall:

98 (a) determine the total allocation for school districts by subtracting the charter school
99 amount calculated under Subsection (2)(a) from the total amount of available funds; and

100 (b) allocate the resulting amount to applicant school districts by:

101 (i) allocating to each school district the amount calculated by:

102 (A) multiplying the value of the weighted pupil unit under Subsection 53A-17a-103(1)
103 by 0.45; and

104 (B) multiplying the result by 20; and

105 (ii) allocating any remaining funds after the allocation under Subsection (3)(b)(i) by:

106 (A) determining the number of students eligible to receive free lunch in the prior
107 school year for each school district; and

108 (B) prorating the remaining funds based on the number of students eligible to receive
109 free lunch in each district.

110 **Section 4. Appropriation.**

111 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated
112 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2006-07, \$7,000,000 to the State Board of
113 Education, for allocation to school districts and charter schools pursuant to Section
114 53A-1a-803.

115 **Section 5. Effective date.**

116 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2006.

State Impact

Provisions of this bill appropriate \$7,000,000 in ongoing Uniform School Fund revenue to the State Board of Education to implement the full day kindergarten program outlined in the bill.

	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>
	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.
