

COMPENSATION OF LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

MEMBERS

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: John Dougall

Senate Sponsor: Margaret Dayton

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the State System of Public Education Code by authorizing local school boards to adopt compensation schedules for their members.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes local school boards to adopt board compensation schedules for the compensation and expenses of their members beginning on July 1, 2007;
- ▶ specifies procedures for the adoption or amendment of board compensation schedules; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-3-202, as last amended by Chapter 314, Laws of Utah 1997

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

Section 1. Section **53A-3-202** is amended to read:

53A-3-202. Compensation for services -- Additional per diem -- Approval of

30 expenses.

31 (1) ~~[(a)]~~ Each member of a local school board, except the student member, shall
32 receive ~~[an amount not to exceed \$3,000 per year, payable monthly, as]~~ compensation for
33 services~~[-]~~ and for necessary expenses in accordance with board compensation schedules
34 adopted by the local school board in accordance with the provisions of this section.

35 ~~[(b) Members shall also receive compensation for necessary expenses on the same~~
36 ~~basis as members of the State Board of Education.]~~

37 ~~[(c) The board shall determine the exact amount under this statutory guideline.]~~

38 ~~[(2) Each member may receive, as approved by the board, additional per diem~~
39 ~~compensation equal to that established for state board members under Section 53A-1-202 for~~
40 ~~attendance at meetings and activities related to any business of the local school board, not to~~
41 ~~exceed 12 per year.]~~

42 ~~[(3) Board members may participate in any group insurance plan provided to~~
43 ~~employees of the school district as part of their compensation on the same basis as required for~~
44 ~~employee participation.]~~

45 (2) Beginning on July 1, 2007, if a local school board decides to adopt or amend its
46 board compensation schedules, the board shall set a time and place for a public hearing at
47 which all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

48 (3) Notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting shall be provided at least
49 seven days prior to the meeting by:

50 (a) publication at least once in a newspaper published in the county where the school
51 district is situated and generally circulated within the school district; and

52 (b) posting a notice:

53 (i) at each school within the school district;

54 (ii) in at least three other public places within the school district; and

55 (iii) on the Internet in a manner that is easily accessible to citizens that use the Internet.

56 (4) After the conclusion of the public hearing, the local school board may adopt or
57 amend its board compensation schedules.

58 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Each member shall submit an itemized account of necessary travel expenses
59 for board approval.

60 (6) A local school board may, without following the procedures described in
61 Subsection (2) and (3), continue to use the compensation schedule that was in effect prior to
62 July 1, 2007 until, at the discretion of the board, the compensation schedule is amended or a
63 new compensation schedule is adopted.

64 Section 2. **Effective date.**

65 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.