

PUBLIC EDUCATION JOB ENHANCEMENT

PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Public Education Job Enhancement Program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ allows elementary teachers in grades four through six to qualify for cash awards and scholarships to obtain mathematics endorsements.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-1a-601, as last amended by Chapter 174, Laws of Utah 2005

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

Section 1. Section **53A-1a-601** is amended to read:

53A-1a-601. Job enhancements for mathematics, science, technology, and special education training.



28 (1) The Public Education Job Enhancement Program is established to attract, train, and
29 retain highly qualified:

30 (a) secondary teachers with expertise in mathematics, physics, chemistry, physical
31 science, learning technology, or information technology; ~~and~~

32 (b) special education teachers[-]; and

33 (c) elementary teachers in grades four through six with mathematics endorsements.

34 (2) The program shall provide for the following:

35 (a) application by a school district superintendent or the principal of a school on behalf
36 of a qualified teacher;

37 (b) an award of up to \$20,000 or a scholarship to cover the tuition costs for a master's
38 degree, an endorsement, or graduate education in the areas identified in Subsection (1) to be
39 given to selected public school teachers on a competitive basis:

40 (i) whose applications are approved under Subsection 53A-1a-602(4); and

41 (ii) who teach in the state's public education system for four years in the areas
42 identified in Subsection (1);

43 (c) (i) as to the cash awards under Subsection (2)(b), payment of the award in two
44 installments, with an initial payment of up to \$10,000 at the beginning of the term and up to
45 \$10,000 at the conclusion of the term;

46 (ii) repayment of a portion of the initial payment by the teacher if the teacher fails to
47 complete two years of the four-year teaching term in the areas identified in Subsection (1) as
48 provided by rule of the State Board of Education in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a,
49 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, unless waived for good cause by the Job Enhancement
50 Committee created in Section 53A-1a-602; and

51 (iii) nonpayment of the second installment if the teacher fails to complete the four-year
52 teaching term; and

53 (d) (i) as to the scholarships awarded under Subsection (2)(b), provision for the
54 providing institution to certify adequate performance in obtaining the master's degree,
55 endorsement, or graduate education in order for the teacher to maintain the scholarship; and

56 (ii) repayment by the teacher of a prorated portion of the scholarship, if the teacher fails
57 to complete the authorized classes or program or to teach in the state system of public
58 education in the areas identified in Subsection (1) for four years after obtaining the master's

59 degree, the endorsement, or graduate education.

60 (3) An individual teaching in the public schools under a letter of authorization may
61 participate in the cash award program if:

62 (a) the individual has taught under the letter of authorization for at least one year in the
63 areas referred to in Subsection (1); and

64 (b) the application made under Subsection (2)(a) is based in large part upon the
65 individual receiving a superior evaluation as a classroom teacher.

66 (4) (a) The program may provide for the expenditure of up to \$1,000,000 of available
67 monies, if at least an equal amount of matching monies become available, to provide
68 professional development training to superintendents, administrators, and principals in the
69 effective use of technology in public schools.

70 (b) An award granted under this Subsection (4) shall be made in accordance with
71 criteria developed and adopted by the Job Enhancement Committee created in Section
72 53A-1a-602.

73 (c) An amount up to \$120,000 of the \$1,000,000 authorized in Subsection (4)(a) may
74 be expended, regardless of the matching monies being available.

75 Section 2. Section **53A-1a-602** is amended to read:

76 **53A-1a-602. Job Enhancement Committee -- Composition -- Duties --**

77 **Appropriation.**

78 (1) There is created a Job Enhancement Committee to implement and administer the
79 Public Education Job Enhancement Program established in Section 53A-1a-601.

80 (2) (a) The committee shall consist of:

81 (i) two members of the State Board of Education selected by the board;

82 (ii) two members of the State Board of Regents selected by the board;

83 (iii) six members of the general public who have business experience in mathematics,
84 physics, chemistry, physical science, learning technology, or information technology selected
85 by the governor;

86 (iv) a master high school teacher, who has teaching experience in mathematics,
87 physics, chemistry, physical science, learning technology, or information technology, selected
88 by the superintendent of public instruction; ~~and~~

89 (v) a master special education teacher, selected by the superintendent of public

90 instruction[-]; and

91 (vi) a master elementary teacher in grades four through six with a mathematics
92 endorsement, selected by the superintendent of public instruction.

93 (b) Committee members shall receive no compensation or benefits for their service on
94 the committee, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of their
95 duties at rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and
96 63A-3-107.

97 (3) (a) The committee shall receive and review applications submitted for participation
98 in the Public Education Job Enhancement Program established under Section 53A-1a-601.

99 (b) In reviewing applications, the committee shall focus on:

- 100 (i) the prioritized critical areas of need identified under Subsection (5)(a); and
- 101 (ii) the awards being made on a competitive basis.

102 (c) If the committee approves an application received under Subsection (3)(a), it shall
103 contract directly with the teacher applicant to receive the award or the scholarship for a
104 master's degree, an endorsement, or graduate education, subject to Section 53A-1a-601.

105 (d) The State Board of Education, through the superintendent of public instruction,
106 shall provide staff support for the committee and adequate and reliable data on the state's
107 supply of and demand for qualified:

108 (i) secondary teachers with expertise in mathematics, physics, chemistry, physical
109 science, learning technologies, or information technology; [~~and~~]

110 (ii) special education teachers[-]; and

111 (iii) elementary teachers in grades four through six with mathematics endorsements.

112 (4) The committee may apply for grants and matching monies to enhance funding
113 available for the program established in Section 53A-1a-601.

114 (5) The committee shall make a rule in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah
115 Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing policies and procedures for:

116 (a) making the awards and offering the scholarships in accordance with prioritized
117 critical areas of need as determined by the committee;

118 (b) timelines for the submission and approval of applications under Subsection (3); and

119 (c) the distribution of the awards and scholarships to successful applicants based on
120 available monies provided by legislative appropriation.

121 (6) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall make an annual
122 appropriation to the State Board of Education to fund the Public Education Job Enhancement
123 Program established under Section 53A-1a-601.

124 Section 3. **Effective date.**

125 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for businesses or local governments. This legislation enlarges the pool of candidates who may apply for these awards.

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