

**EXTENDED YEAR FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove**

Senate Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard

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**LONG TITLE**

**Committee Note:**

The Education Interim Committee recommended this bill.

**General Description:**

This bill provides for stipends for special educators for additional days of work.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ directs the Legislature to annually appropriate money for stipends for special educators in the amount of \$200 per day for up to ten additional days of work; and
- ▶ requires special educators to:
  - schedule the additional days of work before or after the school year; and
  - use the additional days of work to perform duties related to the IEP process.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53A-17a-154**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section **53A-17a-154** is enacted to read:

29 **53A-17a-154. Stipends for special educators for additional days of work.**

30 (1) As used in this section:

31 (a) "IEP" means an individualized education program developed pursuant to the  
32 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, as amended.

33 (b) "Special education teacher" means a teacher whose primary assignment is the  
34 instruction of students with disabilities who are eligible for special education services.

35 (c) "Special educator" means a person employed by a school district, charter school, or  
36 the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind who holds:

37 (i) a license issued under Title 53A, Chapter 6, Educator Licensing and Professional  
38 Practices Act; and

39 (ii) a position as a:

40 (A) special education teacher; or

41 (B) speech-language pathologist.

42 (2) In recognition of the added duties and responsibilities assumed by special educators  
43 to comply with federal law regulating the education of students with disabilities and the need to  
44 attract and retain qualified special educators, the Legislature shall annually appropriate money  
45 for stipends to special educators for additional days of work.

46 (3) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated under this section  
47 to school districts, charter schools, and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind for stipends  
48 for special educators in the amount of \$200 per day for up to ten additional working days.

49 (4) A special educator receiving a stipend shall:

50 (a) work an additional day beyond the number of days contracted with the special  
51 educator's school district or school for each \$200 daily stipend;

52 (b) schedule the additional days of work before or after the school year; and

53 (c) use the additional days of work to perform duties related to the IEP process,  
54 including:

55 (i) administering student assessments;

56 (ii) conducting IEP meetings;

57 (iii) writing IEPs;

58 (iv) conferring with parents; and

- 59           (v) maintaining records and preparing reports.  
60           (5) A special educator may:  
61           (a) elect to receive a stipend for one to ten days of additional work; or  
62           (b) elect to not receive a stipend.  
63           (6) A person who does not hold a full-time position as a special educator is eligible for  
64 a partial stipend equal to the percentage of a full-time special educator position the person  
65 assumes.
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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**H.B. 67 - Extended Year for Special Educators**

**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Implementation of this bill will require an ongoing appropriation from the Uniform School Fund of \$8,294,300. This amount assumes every eligible special educator will elect to receive a stipend for 10 additional days of work.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$0	\$8,294,300	\$8,294,300	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,294,300</b>	<b>\$8,294,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Special education teachers who elect to work up to ten additional work days will be paid \$200 per day, or a maximum of \$2,000 total.

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