

Senator D. Chris Buttars proposes the following substitute bill:

PERMANENT TEACHER LICENSE REVOCATION

FOR SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH STUDENTS

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carl Wimmer

Senate Sponsor: D. Chris Buttars

Cosponsor: Keith Grover

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the State Board of Education to permanently revoke an educator's license under certain conditions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to permanently revoke an educator's license if the educator commits a sexual offense against a minor or engages in sexually explicit conduct with a student; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-6-501, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1999, Chapter 108



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

Section 1. Section **53A-6-501** is amended to read:

53A-6-501. Disciplinary action against educator.

(1) (a) The board shall take appropriate action against ~~any~~ a person who is, or at the time of an alleged offense was, the holder of a license, and:

(i) who, after having had a reasonable opportunity to contest the allegation, has been found pursuant to a criminal, civil, or administrative action to have exhibited behavior evidencing unfitness for duty, including immoral, unprofessional, or incompetent conduct, or other violation of standards of ethical conduct, performance, or professional competence; or

(ii) who has been alleged to have exhibited such behavior or committed such a violation.

(b) Prior to taking action based upon an allegation or the decision of an administrative body other than UPPAC, the board shall direct UPPAC to review the allegations and any related administrative action and provide findings and recommendations to the board.

(c) No adverse recommendation may be made without giving the accused person an opportunity for a hearing.

(d) The board's action may include:

(i) revocation or suspension of a license;

(ii) restriction or prohibition of recertification;

(iii) a warning or reprimand;

(iv) required participation in and satisfactory completion of a rehabilitation or remediation program; or

(v) other action which the board finds to be appropriate after a review of the UPPAC findings and recommendations.

(e) The license holder is responsible for the costs of rehabilitation or remediation required under this section.

(2) (a) Upon receipt of findings or recommendations from UPPAC, the board shall permanently revoke the license of a person who:

(i) is convicted of a sexual offense under Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses, against a minor child;

57 (ii) engages in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in Section 76-5a-2, with a student
58 who is a minor; or

59 (iii) engages in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in Section 76-5a-2, with a student
60 who is:

61 (A) not a minor; and

62 (B) enrolled in a school where the person is employed.

63 [~~2~~] (b) Upon receipt of findings [~~and~~] or recommendation from UPPAC, the board
64 may permanently revoke the license of [~~any~~] a person who [~~has committed a sexual offense~~
65 ~~against a minor child or~~] has exhibited other behavior which the board finds to be irremediable.

Fiscal Note

**H.B. 286 1st Sub. (Buff) - Permanent Teacher License Revocation for Sexual
Activity with Students**

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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 for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
