

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSES

REQUIREMENTS

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark B. Madsen

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires school districts to spend a certain portion of general fund expenditures on instructional expenditures.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ requires each school district to spend at least 65% of its general fund expenditures on instructional expenditures, with certain exceptions;

▸ provides for waivers of the expenditure standards from the State Board of Education; **§→ [and]**

▸ **provides an exemption for small school districts; and ←§**

▸ defines terms.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-3-404.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section **53A-3-404.5** is enacted to read:

29 **53A-3-404.5. Instructional expenditures standards.**

30 (1) As used in this section:

31 (a) "General fund expenditures" means expenditures accounted for in a school district's
32 general fund, as defined in the U.S. Department of Education publication, "Financial
33 Accounting for Local and State School Systems."

34 (b) "Instructional expenditures" means expenditures for instruction as defined in the
35 U.S. Department of Education publication, "Financial Accounting for Local and State School
36 Systems."

37 (2) (a) Each school district shall spend at least 65% of its general fund expenditures on
38 instructional expenditures.

39 (b) If a school district's instructional expenditures in fiscal year 2008-09 are less than
40 65% of its general fund expenditures, the school district shall increase instructional
41 expenditures as a percent of general fund expenditures by two percentage points per year
42 beginning in fiscal year 2009-10.

43 (3) (a) A school district that is unable to meet the expenditure standards established
44 under Subsection (2) may apply to the State Board of Education for a waiver. The waiver
45 request shall specify:

46 (i) the reasons why the school district is unable to meet the expenditure standards; and

47 (ii) actions the school district will take to meet the expenditure standards in the
48 following year.

49 (b) The State Board of Education shall grant or deny the waiver request within 60 days
50 of receiving the request.

50a **§→ (4) The provisions under this section do not apply to a school district with an**
50b **enrollment of less than 5,000 students. ←§**

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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

School districts that do not meet the minimum instructional expenditure threshold outlined in the bill will need to adjust their general fund expenditures to meet this target, or apply for a waiver from the State Board of Education. In FY 2008, approximately 8 school districts did not meet this minimum instructional expenditure threshold.
