

PUBLIC EDUCATION REGIONAL SERVICE CENTERS

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

Senate Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts language related to regional service centers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows and encourages local school boards to enter into an interlocal agreement to create a regional service center to provide education related services;
- ▶ requires a regional service center to be formed by an interlocal agreement to receive state funding;
- ▶ provides that an interlocal agreement may confirm or formalize a regional service center in operation before a certain date;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to make rules regarding regional service centers; and
- ▶ provides that a charter school may enter into a contract with an eligible regional service center to provide education related services to the charter school.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-3-429, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31 Section 1. Section **53A-3-429** is enacted to read:

32 **53A-3-429. Regional service centers.**

33 (1) For purposes of this section, "eligible regional service center" means a regional
34 service center formed by two or more school districts as an interlocal entity, in accordance with
35 Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act.

36 (2) The Legislature strongly encourages school districts to collaborate and cooperate to
37 provide educational services in a manner that will best utilize resources for the overall
38 operation of the public education system.

39 (3) An eligible regional service center formed by an interlocal agreement, in
40 accordance with Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, may receive a distribution
41 described in Subsection (5) if the Legislature appropriates money for eligible regional service
42 centers.

43 (4) (a) If local school boards enter into an interlocal agreement to confirm or formalize
44 a regional service center in operation before July 1, 2011, the interlocal agreement may not
45 eliminate any rights or obligations of the regional service center in effect before entering into
46 the interlocal agreement.

47 (b) An interlocal agreement entered into to confirm or formalize an existing regional
48 service center shall have the effect of confirming and ratifying in the regional service center,
49 the title to any property held in the name, or for the benefit of the regional service center as of
50 the effective date of the interlocal agreement.

51 (5) (a) The State Board of Education shall distribute any funding appropriated to
52 eligible regional service centers as provided by the Legislature.

53 (b) The State Board of Education may provide funding to an eligible regional service
54 center in addition to legislative appropriations.

55 (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
56 State Board of Education shall make rules regarding eligible regional service centers including:

57 (a) the distribution of legislative appropriations to eligible regional service centers;

58 (b) the designation of eligible regional service centers as agents to distribute Utah
59 Education Network services; and

60 (c) the designation of eligible regional service centers as agents for regional
61 coordination of public education and higher education services.

62 (7) A public school that is a charter school may enter into a contract with an eligible
63 regional service center to receive education related services from the eligible regional service
64 center.