

Representative Jim Nielson proposes the following substitute bill:

COLLECTION OF FRONT-LINE TEACHERS DATA

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jim Nielson

Senate Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes reporting requirements for school districts, charter schools, and the State Board of Education related to quantifying the number of certain teachers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires school districts and charter schools to report data to the State Board of Education for a future program that will provide for the distribution of additional WPU's to a qualifying district or charter school, depending on how relatively high the district or charter school is in comparison to other districts or charter schools in the state in its allocation of resources for front-line teachers; and
- requires the State Board of Education to report to the Education Interim Committee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:



26 **53A-1-410**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

27 **53A-1-411**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

30 Section 1. Section **53A-1-410** is enacted to read:

31 **53A-1-410. Definitions.**

32 For purposes of Sections 53A-1-410 and 53A-1-411:

33 (1) "LEA compensation percentage" means the amount of money from an LEA's
34 general fund budgeted for front-line teachers, including benefits, divided by the LEA's total
35 general fund, excluding money budgeted for:

36 (a) capital outlay or debt service; and

37 (b) pupil transportation.

38 (2) "LEA percentage" means the average of an LEA's compensation percentage and the
39 LEA's front-line teacher percentage.

40 (3) "LEA front-line teacher percentage" means the number of full-time equivalent
41 front-line teachers in an LEA divided by the total number of full-time equivalent employees in
42 an LEA, excluding employees associated with pupil transportation.

43 (4) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school.

44 (5) (a) "Front-line teacher" means a licensed teacher who has an assignment to teach a
45 kindergarten, elementary, secondary, or special education course.

46 (b) "Front-line teacher" does not include a prekindergarten teacher, a school-based
47 specialist, or a classroom aide.

48 (6) "Statewide compensation percentage" means the amount of money from all LEAs'
49 general funds budgeted for front-line teachers, including benefits, divided by all LEAs' total
50 general funds, excluding money budgeted for:

51 (a) capital outlay or debt service; and

52 (b) pupil transportation.

53 (7) "Statewide percentage" means the average of the statewide compensation
54 percentage and the statewide front-line teacher percentage.

55 (8) "Statewide front-line teacher percentage" means the number of full-time equivalent
56 front-line teachers in all LEAs divided by the total number of full-time equivalent employees in

57 all LEAs, excluding employees associated with pupil transportation.

58 Section 2. Section **53A-1-411** is enacted to read:

59 **53A-1-411. Reporting requirements and data collection related to front-line**
60 **teachers -- Audit procedures.**

61 (1) (a) An LEA shall report all information as required in this section for the possibility
62 of a future program to reward an LEA that has a relatively high or substantially improving
63 percentage of front-line teachers and uses a relatively high or substantially improving
64 percentage of its budget for front-line teachers.

65 (b) The information reported in accordance with this section shall be for the previous
66 school year.

67 (2) (a) An LEA shall report all necessary data to the State Board of Education for
68 purposes of calculating the percentages defined in Section 53A-1-410.

69 (b) An LEA shall report the following data to the State Board of Education:

70 (i) the LEA's total number of FTE front-line teachers; and

71 (ii) the LEA's average class size for:

72 (A) elementary school;

73 (B) middle or junior high; and

74 (C) high school; and

75 (c) The State Board of Education shall make rules specifying how an LEA reports
76 required data for purposes of this Subsection (2).

77 (3) By November 1, 2011, the State Board of Education shall conduct an audit of the
78 data submitted by LEAs pursuant to Subsection (2) to ensure conformity and comparability.

79 (4) By the November 2011 Interim meeting, the State Board of Education shall report
80 to the Education Interim Committee:

81 (a) the statewide and LEA percentages defined in Section 53A-1-410;

82 (b) all underlying data submitted by the LEAs described in Subsection (2);

83 (c) the results of the audit described in Subsection (3); and

84 (d) the average daily membership of each LEA, as reported in the most recent state
85 superintendent's report.

FISCAL NOTE

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SPONSOR: **Nielson, J.**

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STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.