

**SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS AMENDMENTS**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson**

House Sponsor: Merlynn T. Newbold

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies qualifications for a district superintendent of schools.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ provides that at the request of a local school board, the State Board of Education shall grant a letter of authorization permitting a person with outstanding professional qualifications to serve as superintendent without holding an administrative/supervisory license; and

▶ makes technical amendments.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53A-3-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapters 231 and 315

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

Section 1. Section **53A-3-301** is amended to read:

**53A-3-301. Superintendent of schools -- Appointment -- Qualifications -- Term -- Compensation.**

(1) A local school board shall appoint a district superintendent of schools who serves

30 as the local school board's chief executive officer.

31 (2) [~~(a) The~~] A local school board shall appoint the superintendent on the basis of  
32 outstanding professional qualifications.

33 [~~(b) The~~] (3) A superintendent's term of office is for two years and until a successor is  
34 appointed and qualified.

35 [~~(3)~~] (4) If it becomes necessary to appoint an interim superintendent due to a vacancy  
36 in the office of superintendent, [~~then~~] the local school board shall make an appointment during  
37 a public meeting for an indefinite term not to exceed one year, which term shall end upon the  
38 appointment and qualification of a new superintendent.

39 [~~(4)~~] (5) (a) The superintendent shall hold an administrative/supervisory license issued  
40 by the State Board of Education, except as otherwise provided in Subsection [~~(4)~~] (5)(b).

41 (b) [~~A local board of education may~~] At the request[, and] of a local school board, the  
42 State Board of Education [~~may~~] shall grant[;] a letter of authorization permitting a person with  
43 outstanding professional qualifications to serve as superintendent without holding an  
44 administrative/supervisory license.

45 [~~(5) The~~] (6) A local school board shall set the superintendent's compensation for  
46 services.

47 [~~(6) The~~] (7) A superintendent qualifies for office by taking the constitutional oath of  
48 office.