

**PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill eliminates public education programs and requirements.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ ~~H→~~ eliminates the requirement to take a course in financial literacy to graduate from high school; requires the State Board of Education to provide a general financial literacy test-out option; ~~←H~~

▶ eliminates a program to provide scholarships to teachers in necessarily existent small schools to pay for education expenses related to obtaining an endorsement or master's degree;

~~H→~~ [~~→~~ ~~eliminates a requirement to assign a mentor to a provisional educator;~~ ~~←H~~

▶ eliminates a requirement that the State Board of Education make rules on the distribution and care of textbooks;

▶ eliminates provisions on career ladders;

▶ eliminates a requirement pertaining to the allocation of weighted pupil unit (WPU) funds between licensed and classified school district employees;

▶ eliminates legislative intent language regarding the percentage increase in the value of the WPU;

▶ eliminates provisions on the use of Minimum School Program nonlapsing balances;

▶ eliminates the following funding programs within the Minimum School Program:

- the Local Discretionary Block Grant Program;



28 ~~H~~→ [~~—•—~~the Quality Teaching Block Grant Program;  
 29 ~~—•—~~the retirement and Social Security program;] ←~~H~~  
 30 • funding for the Families, Agencies, and Communities Together for Children and  
 31 Youth (FACT) program; and  
 32 • a 2001 school district hold harmless program; and  
 33 ▶ makes technical amendments.

#### 34 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

35 None

#### 36 Other Special Clauses:

37 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

#### 38 Utah Code Sections Affected:

39 AMENDS:

40 **53A-2-206 (Effective 07/01/12)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 371

41 **53A-13-108**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 19

42 **53A-17a-126**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3

43 **63J-1-602.3**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 30, 284, 294, 303, and

44 329

45 REPEALS:

46 **53A-6-701**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 253

47 **53A-6-702**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 253

48 **53A-9-101**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1988, Chapter 2

49 **53A-9-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 301

50 **53A-9-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 366 and 434

51 **53A-9-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 434

52 ~~H~~→ [~~—53A-10-108, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 287]~~ ←~~H~~

53 **53A-12-203**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1988, Chapter 2

54 **53A-17a-123**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3

55 ~~H~~→ [~~—53A-17a-124, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3~~

56 ~~—53A-17a-125, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3]~~ ←~~H~~

57 **53A-17a-131.9**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

58 **53A-17a-131.16**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 250

- 152 (i) sponsored by the same agency; and
- 153 (ii) enrolled in a school in a foreign country; and
- 154 (c) is enrolled in the school for one year or less.

155 Section 2. Section **53A-13-108** is amended to read:

156 **53A-13-108. Curriculum and graduation requirements.**

157 (1) The State Board of Education shall establish rigorous curriculum and graduation  
158 requirements under Section 53A-1-402, and consistent with state and federal regulations, for  
159 grades 9 through 12 that, beginning no later than with the graduating class of 2008 shall:

160 (a) use competency-based standards and assessments; ~~H~~→ [and]

161 [F] (b) include instruction that stresses general financial literacy from basic

161a budgeting to

162 financial investments, including bankruptcy education and a general financial literacy

162a test-out option ; and [f]

163 [F] (c) [f] [~~b~~] ←H increase graduation requirements in language arts, mathematics, and

163a science to

164 exceed the existing credit requirements of 3.0 units in language arts, 2.0 units in mathematics,  
165 and 2.0 units in science.

166 (2) The State Board of Education shall also establish competency-based standards and  
167 assessments for elective courses.

168 Section 3. Section **53A-17a-126** is amended to read:

169 **53A-17a-126. State support of pupil transportation.**

170 (1) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for state-supported  
171 transportation of public school students shall be apportioned and distributed in accordance with  
172 Section 53A-17a-127, except as otherwise provided in this section.

173 (2) (a) The Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind shall use its allocation of pupil  
174 transportation money to pay for transportation of their students based on current valid  
175 contractual arrangements and best transportation options and methods as determined by the  
176 schools.

177 (b) All student transportation costs of the schools shall be paid from the allocation of  
178 pupil transportation money specified in statute.

179 (3) (a) A school district may only claim eligible transportation costs as legally reported  
180 on the prior year's annual financial report submitted under Section 53A-3-404.

181 (b) The state shall contribute 85% of approved transportation costs, subject to budget  
182 constraints.

214           ~~[(12)]~~ (11) Certain fines collected by the Division of Occupational and Professional  
215 Licensing for violation of unlawful or unprofessional conduct that are used for education and  
216 enforcement purposes, as provided in Section 58-17b-505.

217           ~~[(13)]~~ (12) Certain fines collected by the Division of Occupational and Professional  
218 Licensing for use in education and enforcement of the Security Personnel Licensing Act, as  
219 provided in Section 58-63-103.

220           ~~[(14)]~~ (13) Appropriations from the Relative Value Study Restricted Account created  
221 in Section 59-9-105.

222           Section 5. **Repealer.**

223           This bill repeals:

224           Section **53A-6-701, Scholarships for teachers to obtain endorsements or master's**  
225 **degrees -- Conditions.**

226           Section **53A-6-702, Rules.**

227           Section **53A-9-101, Purpose.**

228           Section **53A-9-102, Definitions.**

229           Section **53A-9-103, Authorized components.**

230           Section **53A-9-104, Evaluation program for placement and advancement on career**  
231 **ladders.**

232           ~~Ĥ→ [Section 53A-10-108, Mentor for provisional educator.] ←Ĥ~~

233           Section **53A-12-203, Regulation and supervision of distribution of textbooks by**  
234 **board of education.**

235           Section **53A-17a-123, Local Discretionary Block Grant Program -- State**  
236 **contribution.**

237           ~~Ĥ→ [Section 53A-17a-124, Quality Teaching Block Grant Program -- State~~  
238 ~~contributions:~~

239           ~~Section 53A-17a-125, Appropriation for retirement and Social Security.] ←Ĥ~~

240           Section **53A-17a-131.9, Agencies coming together for children and youth at risk.**

241           Section **53A-17a-131.16, State contribution for school district hold harmless**  
242 **program.**

243           Section **53A-17a-137, Classified employees' compensation.**

244           Section **53A-17a-138, Increases in value of weighted pupil unit.**