

PARAEDUCATOR FUNDING

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne

House Sponsor: David Litvack

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides funding to hire paraeducators at certain schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides funding for Title 1 school improvement schools to hire paraeducators to assist in teaching; and
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to report on funding expenditures.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to the Related to Basic Program, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the Education Fund, ~~Ĥ~~→ [\$500,000] \$300,000 ←Ĥ .

Other Special Clauses:

~~Ŝ~~→ [None] This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012. ←Ŝ

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-17a-167, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-167** is enacted to read:

53A-17a-167. Appropriation for Title 1 Schools in Improvement Paraeducators



28 **Program.**29 (1) As used in this section:30 (a) "Eligible school" means a Title 1 school that has not achieved adequate yearly
31 progress, as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq. in
32 the same subject area for two consecutive years.33 (b) "Paraeducator" means a school employee who ~~§~~ :33a (i) ~~§~~ delivers instruction under the direct
34 supervision of a teacher ~~§~~ ; and34a (ii) meets the requirements under Subsection (3) ~~§~~ .35 (c) "Program" means the Title 1 Schools in Improvement Paraeducators Program
36 created in this section.37 (2) The program is created to provide funding for eligible schools to hire paraeducators
38 to provide additional instructional aid in the classroom to assist students in achieving academic
39 success and assist the school in exiting Title 1 school improvement status.39a **~~§~~ (3) A paraeducator who is funded under this section shall have:**39b **(a) earned a secondary school diploma or a recognized equivalent;**39c **(b)(i) completed at least two years with a minimum of 48 semester hours at an**
39d **accredited higher education institution;**39e **(ii) obtained an associates or higher degree from an accredited higher education**
39f **institution; or**39g **(iii) satisfied a rigorous state or local assessment about the individual's knowledge of,**
39h **and ability to assist in instructing student in reading, writing, and mathematics; and**39i **(c) received large group-, small group-, and individual-level professional development**
39j **that is intensive and focused and covers curriculum, instruction, assessment, classroom and**
39k **behavior management, and teaming. ~~§~~**40 **~~§~~ [(3)] (4) ~~§~~ The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for the**
40a **program**41 **to eligible schools, in accordance with rules adopted by the board.**42 **~~§~~ [(4)] (5) ~~§~~ Funds appropriated under the program may not be used to supplant other**
42a **money**43 **used for paraeducators at eligible schools.**44 **~~§~~ [(5)] (6) ~~§~~ The State Board of Education shall submit an annual report to the**
44a **Legislature's**45 **Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee that includes information on:**

- 46 (a) the amount of money distributed to each eligible school under this section;
- 47 (b) how many paraeducators were hired at each eligible school with program money;
- 48 (c) additional funding eligible schools used to supplement program money in hiring
- 49 paraeducators; and
- 50 (d) accountability measures, including test scores of students served by the program.

51 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

52 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
53 following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or
54 reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated for the
55 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. These are additions to any
56 amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2013.

57 To Related to Basic Program

58 From Education Fund

⌘→ [\$500,000] \$300,000 ←⌘

- 59 Schedule of Programs:
- 60 Title 1 Schools in Improvement
- 61 Paraeducators Program ~~Ĥ~~→ [~~\$500,000~~] \$300,000 ←~~Ĥ~~
- 61a **Ĥ**→ **Section 3. Effective date.**
- 61b **(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 8, 2012.**
- 61c **(2) Uncodified Section 2, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2012.** ←**Ĥ**

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