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| PAR | AEDUCATOR FUNDING |
| 2 | 2012 GENERAL SESSION |
| | STATE OF UTAH |
| Chie | f Sponsor: Karen Mayne |
| Hous | se Sponsor: David Litvack |
| LONG TITLE | |
| General Description: | |
| This bill provides funding to h | nire 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 or | f Education to report on funding expenditures. |
| Money Appropriated in this Bill: | |
| This bill appropriates: | |
| ► to the Related to Basic Pro | ogram, as an ongoing appropriation: |
| • from the Education Fu | ınd, \$300,000. |
| Other Special Clauses: | |
| This bill provides an effective | date. |
| Utah Code Sections Affected: | |
| ENACTS: | |
| 53A-17a-167 , Utah Code Ann | notated 1953 |

27 <u>53A-17a-167.</u> Appropriation for Title 1 Schools in Improvement Paraeducators

Program.

29 (1) As used in this section:

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

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

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| 30 | (a) "Eligible school" means a Title 1 school that has not achieved adequate yearly |
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| 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: |
| 34 | (i) delivers instruction under the direct supervision of a teacher; and |
| 35 | (ii) meets the requirements under Subsection (3). |
| 36 | (c) "Program" means the Title 1 Schools in Improvement Paraeducators Program |
| 37 | created in this section. |
| 38 | (2) The program is created to provide funding for eligible schools to hire paraeducators |
| 39 | to provide additional instructional aid in the classroom to assist students in achieving academic |
| 40 | success and assist the school in exiting Title 1 school improvement status. |
| 41 | (3) A paraeducator who is funded under this section shall have: |
| 42 | (a) earned a secondary school diploma or a recognized equivalent; |
| 43 | (b) (i) completed at least two years with a minimum of 48 semester hours at an |
| 14 | accredited higher education institution; |
| 45 | (ii) obtained an associates or higher degree from an accredited higher education |
| 46 | institution; or |
| 1 7 | (iii) satisfied a rigorous state or local assessment about the individual's knowledge of, |
| 48 | and ability to assist in instructing students in reading, writing, and mathematics; and |
| 19 | (c) received large group-, small group-, and individual-level professional development |
| 50 | that is intensive and focused and covers curriculum, instruction, assessment, classroom and |
| 51 | behavior management, and teaming. |
| 52 | (4) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for the program |
| 53 | to eligible schools, in accordance with rules adopted by the board. |
| 54 | (5) Funds appropriated under the program may not be used to supplant other money |
| 55 | used for paraeducators at eligible schools. |
| 56 | (6) The State Board of Education shall submit an annual report to the Legislature's |
| 57 | Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee that includes information on: |

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| 58 | (a) the amount of money distributed to each eligible school under this section; |
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| 59 | (b) how many paraeducators were hired at each eligible school with program money; |
| 60 | (c) additional funding eligible schools used to supplement program money in hiring |
| 61 | paraeducators; and |
| 62 | (d) accountability measures, including test scores of students served by the program. |
| 63 | Section 2. Appropriation. |
| 64 | Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the |
| 65 | following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or |
| 66 | reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated for the |
| 67 | fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. These are additions to any |
| 68 | amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2013. |
| 69 | To Related to Basic Program |
| 70 | From Education Fund \$300,000 |
| 71 | Schedule of Programs: |
| 72 | <u>Title 1 Schools in Improvement</u> |
| 73 | Paraeducators Program \$300,000 |
| 74 | Section 3. Effective date. |
| 75 | (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 8, 2012. |
| 76 | (2) Uncodified Section 2, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2012. |