

SMART SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY ACT

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides funding for a pilot project to develop and implement an integrated school-wide technology plan in public schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates a pilot project known as the Smart School Technology Program to encourage the deployment of an integrated school-wide technology plan in public schools;
- ▶ directs the State Board of Education to select an educational technology provider through a request for proposals process to develop and implement a customized integrated school-wide technology plan for 10 schools;
- ▶ specifies the components of an integrated school-wide technology plan;
- ▶ directs the State Board of Education to:
 - select schools to participate in the program;
 - award a grant of \$600 per student for each school selected;
 - make rules for applying for grants and selecting schools to participate in the program; and
 - evaluate the program and report to the Education Interim Committee; and
- ▶ repeals the pilot project after three years.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:



- 28 This bill appropriates:
- 29 ▶ to the State Board of Education, as a one-time appropriation in fiscal year 2012-13;
- 30 • from the Education Fund, \$6,000,000.

31 **Other Special Clauses:**

32 This bill provides an effective date.

33 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

34 AMENDS:

35 **63I-2-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 303, 330, and 419

36 ENACTS:

37 **53A-1-709**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

40 Section 1. Section **53A-1-709** is enacted to read:

41 **53A-1-709. Smart School Technology Program.**

42 (1) As used in this section:

43 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

44 (b) "Program" means the Smart School Technology Program.

45 (2) A pilot project known as the Smart School Technology Program is created to
46 encourage the deployment of an integrated school-wide technology plan in public schools.

47 (3) The board shall select an educational technology provider through a request for
48 proposals process to develop and implement an integrated school-wide technology plan for 10
49 schools.

50 (4) The educational technology provider shall develop a customized school-wide
51 integrated technology plan for each school participating in the program.

52 (5) The integrated school-wide technology plan shall include the following
53 components:

54 (a) a mobile learning device or digital textbook for each student;

55 (b) desktop or laptop computers for classrooms;

56 (c) peripherals and networking equipment, including a wireless network;

57 (d) Internet filtering;

58 (e) operating software for the technology system, including software that connects

59 digital learning devices among students and a teacher to facilitate classroom interaction;

60 (f) professional development for educators and technology specialists on:

61 (i) the operation and use of the technology equipment; and

62 (ii) accessing and using online content; and

63 (g) ongoing technical support.

64 (6) (a) A school district or charter school may submit an application to the board for a
65 grant to participate in the program.

66 (b) The board shall select 10 schools to participate in the program.

67 (c) In selecting schools, the board shall seek to include students in the program:

68 (i) from different regions of the state;

69 (ii) urban and rural areas; and

70 (iii) with a variety of demographic characteristics.

71 (d) The board shall award a grant of \$600 per student for each school that participates
72 in the program.

73 (e) A school district or charter school that is selected to participate in the program shall
74 use the grant money to pay for the development and implementation of an integrated
75 school-wide technology plan provided by the education technology provider selected by the
76 board.

77 (f) The board shall make rules specifying:

78 (i) procedures for applying for a grant; and

79 (ii) procedures and criteria to be used for selecting schools that may participate in the
80 program.

81 (7) (a) The board, in collaboration with the educational technology provider and the
82 schools participating in the program, shall evaluate the program and submit a report on the
83 evaluation to the Education Interim Committee by the committee's October meetings in 2013
84 and 2014.

85 (b) The board may contract with an independent evaluator to conduct the evaluation
86 required in Subsection (7)(a).

87 Section 2. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:

88 **63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.**

89 (1) Section 53A-1-403.5 is repealed July 1, 2012.

90 (2) Subsection 53A-1-603(5) is repealed July 1, 2015.

91 (3) Section 53A-1-709 is repealed July 1, 2015.

92 [~~3~~] (4) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 10, UPSTART, is repealed July 1, 2014.

93 [~~4~~] (5) Subsection 53A-13-110(4) is repealed July 1, 2013.

94 [~~5~~] (6) Section 53A-15-1215 is repealed July 1, 2012.

95 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

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

101 To State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative Programs
102 From Education Fund, one-time \$6,000,000

103 Schedule of Programs:

104 Contracts and grants \$6,000,000

105 The Legislature intends that the appropriation under this section is:

106 (1) nonlapsing; and

107 (2) to be used to implement the Smart School Technology program, including an
108 evaluation of the program, as provided in Section 53A-1-109.

109 Section 4. **Effective date.**

110 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 8, 2012.

111 (2) Uncodified Section 3, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2012.

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