

**PARAEDUCATOR FUNDING**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

House Sponsor: David Litvack

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**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, \$500,000.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

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

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*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 delivers instruction under the direct  
34 supervision of a teacher.

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.

40 (3) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for the program  
41 to eligible schools, in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

42 (4) Funds appropriated under the program may not be used to supplant other money  
43 used for paraeducators at eligible schools.

44 (5) The State Board of Education shall submit an annual report to the 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

59	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>		
60	<u>Title 1 Schools in Improvement</u>		
61	<u>Paraeducators Program</u>		<u>\$500,000</u>

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