

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AMENDMENTS

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

House Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions relating to the deployment of educational technology in public schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ removes the repeal date for the Smart School Technology Program;
- ▶ requires the Board of Business and Economic Development to select, through a request for proposals process, a single technology provider with integrated whole-school technology deployment experience to develop and implement a whole-school one-to-one technology deployment plan for public schools;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to make rules requiring schools to provide matching funds to participate in the Smart School Technology Program; and
- ▶ makes technical amendments.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2014:

- ▶ to the Governor's Office of Economic Development - Administration as a one-time appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, \$2,400,000.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides an effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

- 30 **53A-1-709**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 208
- 31 **63I-2-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapters 57, 208, 273, 280, 318,
- 32 329, 381, and 394
- 33 **63I-2-263**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapters 208, 266, and 369
- 34 **63M-1-909**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 208
- 35 **63M-1-909.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 208

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

38 Section 1. Section **53A-1-709** is amended to read:

39 **53A-1-709. Smart School Technology Program.**

40 (1) As used in this section, "program" means the Smart School Technology Program.

41 (2) [~~A three-year pilot project known as the~~] The Smart School Technology Program is
42 created to encourage the deployment of whole-school one-to-one mobile device technology in
43 public schools.

44 (3) The Board of Business and Economic Development with input from an
45 independent evaluating committee, shall issue a request for proposals for the development and
46 implementation of a whole-school one-to-one mobile device technology deployment plan for
47 schools.

48 (4) From recommendations submitted by an independent evaluating committee, the
49 Board of Business and Economic Development shall select a single education technology
50 provider with integrated whole-school technology deployment experience through the request
51 for proposals process.

52 (5) (a) An independent evaluating committee shall be established to:

53 (i) advise the Board of Business and Economic Development in issuing a request for
54 proposals under Subsection (3);

55 (ii) evaluate proposals submitted through a request for proposals issued under
56 Subsection (3); and

57 (iii) advise the State Board of Education on selecting schools to participate in the

58 program.

59 (b) The membership of the independent evaluating committee shall include:

60 (i) three members of the State Board of Education appointed by the chair of the State
61 Board of Education;

62 (ii) the state chief information officer;

63 (iii) two members appointed by the executive director of the Governor's Office of
64 Economic Development; and

65 (iv) the governor's education director.

66 (c) The independent evaluating committee shall evaluate a proposal on:

67 (i) a provider's experience with integrated whole-school technology deployment; and

68 (ii) the components of a whole-school technology deployment plan.

69 (6) An educational technology provider selected under Subsection (4) shall develop a
70 customized whole-school one-to-one mobile device technology deployment plan for each
71 school participating in the program.

72 (7) The whole-school technology deployment plan shall be based on submitted
73 proposals to the committee and may include the following components:

74 (a) a personal mobile learning device [~~or digital textbook~~] for each student;

75 (b) desktop or laptop computers for [~~classrooms~~] each classroom;

76 (c) peripherals and networking equipment, including a wireless network that is not
77 self-interfering;

78 (d) wireless audio equipment in each classroom;

79 (e) digital projectors or televisions with wireless device mirroring technology;

80 [~~(d)~~] (f) on and off campus Internet filtering;

81 [~~(e)~~] (g) operating software for the technology system, including software that connects
82 [~~digital~~] personal mobile learning devices among students and a teacher to facilitate classroom
83 interaction;

84 (h) curriculum and instructional software purchase credits per device to be used toward
85 improving student outcomes with respect to the core curriculum and skill building on the use of

86 technology;

87 (i) device repair and replacement criteria;

88 [~~(f)~~] (j) professional development for educators and technology specialists on:

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

90 (ii) accessing and using online content; and

91 [~~(g)~~] (k) ongoing technical support.

92 (8) (a) A school within a school district, with the approval of the local school board, or
93 a charter school, may submit an application to the State Board of Education to participate in the
94 program.

95 (b) With input from the independent evaluating committee established under
96 Subsection (5), the State Board of Education shall select schools to participate in the program.

97 (c) In selecting schools, the State Board of Education shall seek to include [~~students~~] in
98 the program schools:

99 (i) from different regions of the state;

100 (ii) from urban and rural areas; [~~and~~]

101 (iii) with a variety of economic and demographic characteristics[-]; and

102 (iv) with documented technology implementation plans, including a plan for the use of:

103 (A) instructional software that improves student outcomes with respect to the core
104 curriculum; and

105 (B) software that provides students with skill building on the use of technology.

106 (d) The State Board of Education shall make rules:

107 (i) specifying procedures and criteria to be used for selecting schools that may
108 participate in the program[-]; and

109 (ii) requiring selected schools to provide matching funds to participate in the program.

110 (9) (a) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the education technology
111 provider and the schools participating in the program, shall evaluate the program and submit a
112 report on the evaluation to the Governor's Office of Economic Development and the Education
113 Interim Committee by the committee's October meetings in 2013 and 2014.

114 (b) The State Board of Education may contract with an independent evaluator to
115 conduct the evaluation required in Subsection (9)(a).

116 (c) The evaluation shall be based on the following criteria:

117 (i) technology system functionality;

118 (ii) school level outcomes;

119 (iii) teacher instruction and outcomes; and

120 (iv) student engagement and outcomes.

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

122 **63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.**

123 (1) Section 53A-1-402.7 is repealed July 1, 2014.

124 (2) Section 53A-1-403.5 is repealed July 1, 2017.

125 (3) Section 53A-1-411 is repealed July 1, 2016.

126 (4) Section 53A-1-412 is repealed July 1, 2013.

127 [~~5~~] Section 53A-1-709 is repealed July 1, 2015.]

128 [~~6~~] (5) Section 53A-1a-513.5 is repealed July 1, 2017.

129 [~~7~~] (6) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 10, UPSTART, is repealed July 1, 2014.

130 [~~8~~] (7) Title 53A, Chapter 8a, Part 8, Peer Assistance and Review Pilot Program, is
131 repealed July 1, 2017.

132 [~~9~~] (8) Subsection 53A-13-110(4) is repealed July 1, 2013.

133 [~~10~~] Section 53A-15-1215 is repealed July 1, 2012.]

134 Section 3. Section **63I-2-263** is amended to read:

135 **63I-2-263. Repeal dates, Title 63A to Title 63M.**

136 (1) Section 63A-1-115 is repealed on July 1, 2014.

137 (2) [~~Section 63M-1-909.5~~] Subsection 63M-1-903(1)(d) is repealed on July 1, 2015.

138 Section 4. Section **63M-1-909** is amended to read:

139 **63M-1-909. Financial assistance to entities offering economic opportunities.**

140 (1) Subject to the duties and powers of the board under Section 63M-1-303, the
141 administrator may provide money from the Industrial Assistance Account to an entity offering

142 an economic opportunity if that entity:

143 (a) applies to the administrator; and

144 (b) meets the qualifications of Subsection (2).

145 (2) The applicant shall:

146 (a) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the administrator the nature of the economic
147 opportunity and the related benefit to the economic well-being of the state by providing
148 evidence documenting the logical and compelling linkage, either direct or indirect, between the
149 expenditure of money necessitated by the economic opportunity and the likelihood that the
150 state's tax base, regions of the state's tax base, or specific components of the state's tax base
151 will not be reduced but will be maintained or enlarged;

152 (b) demonstrate how the funding request will act in concert with other state, federal, or
153 local agencies to achieve the economic benefit;

154 (c) demonstrate how the funding request will act in concert with free market principles;

155 (d) in the case of an economic opportunity that includes the retention of jobs,
156 demonstrate how the potential relocation of jobs outside the state is related to a merger,
157 acquisition, consolidation, or similar business reason other than the applicant simply requesting
158 state assistance to remain in the state;

159 (e) satisfy other criteria the administrator considers appropriate; and

160 (f) be either:

161 (i) an entity whose purpose is to exclusively or substantially promote, develop, or
162 maintain the economic welfare and prosperity of the state as a whole, regions of the state, or
163 specific components of the state, including:

164 (A) an entity that is a sports development organization under contract with the state for
165 sports development and sporting event attraction and related activities that provide an
166 economic impact or promotional value to the state; or

167 (B) an entity that implements technology innovation in public schools, including
168 whole-school one-to-one mobile device technology deployment for the purpose of incubating
169 technology solutions related to economic and workforce development.

170 (ii) a company or individual that does not otherwise qualify under Section 63M-1-906.

171 (3) Subject to the duties and powers of the board under Section 63M-1-303, the
172 administrator shall:

173 (a) make findings as to whether an applicant has satisfied each of the conditions set
174 forth in Subsection (2);

175 (b) establish benchmarks and timeframes in which progress toward the completion of
176 the agreed upon activity is to occur;

177 (c) monitor compliance by an applicant with any contract or agreement entered into by
178 the applicant and the state as provided by Section 63M-1-907; and

179 (d) make funding decisions based upon appropriate findings and compliance.

180 Section 5. Section **63M-1-909.5** is amended to read:

181 **63M-1-909.5. Selection of educational technology provider to implement**
182 **whole-school one-to-one mobile device technology deployment plan for schools.**

183 The board shall select an educational technology provider to develop and implement a
184 whole-school one-to-one mobile device technology deployment plan for schools in accordance
185 with the requirements of this part and Section 53A-1-709.

186 Section 6. **Appropriation.**

187 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
188 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, the following sums of money
189 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
190 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in
191 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2014.

192 To Governor's Office of Economic Development - Administration

193 From General Fund, One-time \$2,400,000

194 Schedule of Programs:

195 Administration \$2,400,000

196 The Legislature intends that the appropriation provided in this section be used for the
197 deployment of whole-school one-to-one mobile device technology as provided in Section

198 53A-1-709.

199 Section 7. **Effective date.**

200 Uncodified Section 6, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2013.