

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AMENDMENTS

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

House Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies a pilot project known as the Smart School Technology Program by requiring the State Board of Education, with input from a Smart School Technology Program evaluating committee, to:
 - issue a request for proposals for the deployment of whole-school one to one mobile device technology in public schools;
 - select a single smart school technology provider; and
 - select schools to participate in the Smart School Technology Program;
- ▶ specifies the components of a whole-school technology deployment plan;
- ▶ expands the State Board of Education's authority to make rules pertaining to the selection of schools that participate in the Smart School Technology Program; and
- ▶ specifies criteria for the evaluation of the Smart School Technology Program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2014:

- ▶ to the State Board of Education as a one-time appropriation:
 - from the Education Fund, \$3,000,000.



28 **Other Special Clauses:**

29 This bill provides an effective date.

30 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

31 AMENDS:

32 **53A-1-709**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 208



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

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

36 **53A-1-709. Smart School Technology Program.**

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

38 (2) A three-year pilot project known as the Smart School Technology Program is
39 created to encourage the deployment of whole-school one to one mobile device technology in
40 public schools.

41 (3) The [~~Board of Business and Economic Development~~] State Board of Education,
42 with input from [~~an independent~~] a Smart School Technology Program evaluating committee,
43 shall issue a request for proposals for the development and implementation of a whole-school
44 one to one mobile device technology deployment plan for schools.

45 (4) From recommendations submitted by [~~an independent~~] a Smart School Technology
46 Program evaluating committee, the [~~Board of Business and Economic Development~~] State
47 Board of Education shall select a single [~~education~~] smart school technology provider with
48 integrated whole-school technology deployment experience through the request for proposals
49 process.

50 (5) (a) [~~An independent~~] A Smart School Technology Program evaluating committee
51 shall be established to:

52 (i) advise the [~~Board of Business and Economic Development~~] State Board of
53 Education in issuing a request for proposals under Subsection (3);

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

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

58 (b) The membership of the [~~independent~~] Smart School Technology Program

59 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]~~ Smart School Technology Program evaluating committee shall
67 evaluate a proposal on:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

79 (d) wireless audio equipment in each classroom;

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

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

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

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

88 (i) device repair and replacement criteria;

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

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

91 (ii) accessing and using online content; and

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

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

96 (b) With input from the [~~independent~~] Smart School Technology Program evaluating
97 committee established under Subsection (5), the State Board of Education shall select schools
98 to participate in the program.

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

101 (i) from different regions of the state;

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

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

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

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

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

108 (d) The State Board of Education [~~shall~~] may make rules;

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

111 (ii) requiring selected schools to provide matching funds to participate in the program;

112 and

113 (iii) relating to the ownership of a personal mobile learning device.

114 (9) (a) The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the [~~education~~] smart
115 school technology provider and the schools participating in the program, shall evaluate the
116 program and submit a report on the evaluation to the [~~Governor's Office of Economic~~
117 ~~Development and the~~] Education Interim Committee by the committee's October meetings in
118 2013 and 2014.

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

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

122 (i) technology system functionality;

123 (ii) school level outcomes;

124 (iii) teacher instruction and outcomes; and

125 (iv) student engagement and outcomes.

126 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

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

132 To State Board of Education

133 From Education Fund, One-time \$3,000,000

134 Schedule of Programs:

135 USOE Initiatives - Contracts and Grants \$3,000,000

136 The Legislature intends that the appropriation provided in this section be used for the
137 deployment of whole-school one to one mobile device technology as provided in Section
138 53A-1-709.

139 **Section 3. Effective date.**

140 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), if approved by two-thirds of all the members
141 elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following
142 the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's
143 signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

144 (2) Uncodified Section 2, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2013.

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