

GRANTS FOR PERSONAL MOBILE LEARNING DEVICES

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

House Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides for grants to school districts and charter schools for personal mobile learning devices.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ allows the State Board of Education to award grants to school districts and charter schools to provide personal mobile learning devices to students;
- ▶ specifies permitted uses of grant money;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to make rules for the awarding of grants, including rules:
 - requiring a school district or charter school to use grant money to supplement, and not supplant, technology expenditures; and
 - requiring a grant recipient to provide matching funds in an amount greater than or equal to the amount of the grant; and
- ▶ prohibits a school district or charter school from:
 - using federal funds to provide matching funds; or
 - imposing a tax rate above the certified tax rate for the purpose of generating revenue to provide matching funds.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:



28 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2014:
 29 ▶ to the State Board of Education as a one-time appropriation:
 30 • from the Education Fund, \$3,000,000.

31 **Other Special Clauses:**

32 This bill provides an effective date.

33 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

34 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

35 **53A-1-708**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 367



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

38 Section 1. Section **53A-1-708** is repealed and reenacted to read:

39 **53A-1-708. Grants for personal mobile learning devices.**

40 (1) As used in the section:

41 (a) "Personal mobile learning device" means a tablet computer that is assigned to an
 42 individual student.

43 (b) "Technology protection device" means a technology that blocks or filters Internet
 44 access to material listed in Section 53A-3-422.

45 (2) The State Board of Education may award grants to school districts and charter
 46 schools to provide personal mobile learning devices to students.

47 (3) Grant money may be used to pay for:

48 (a) personal mobile learning devices that meet functional requirements established by
 49 the State Board of Education in rule; and

50 (b) equipment, software, or services related to the deployment of personal mobile
 51 learning devices, including:

52 (i) peripherals and networking equipment;

53 (ii) on and off campus Internet filtering;

54 (iii) operating software that connects personal mobile learning devices among students
 55 and teachers to facilitate classroom interaction;

56 (iv) professional development for educators and technology specialists on:

57 (A) the operation and use of personal mobile learning devices and related equipment;

58 and

- 59 (B) accessing and using online content; and
- 60 (v) technical support.
- 61 (4) The State Board of Education shall make rules:
- 62 (a) establishing procedures for applying for and awarding grants;
- 63 (b) specifying how grant money shall be allocated among school districts and charter
- 64 schools;
- 65 (c) requiring a school district or charter school to use grant money to supplement the
- 66 school district's or charter school's technology expenditures and prohibiting the use of grant
- 67 money to supplant technology expenditures;
- 68 (d) requiring reporting of grant money expenditures and evidence showing that the
- 69 grant money has been used in accordance with this section and State Board of Education rules
- 70 adopted pursuant to this section;
- 71 (e) requiring a school district or charter school to provide matching funds to acquire
- 72 and deploy personal mobile learning devices in an amount that is greater than or equal to the
- 73 amount of a grant received under this section;
- 74 (f) establishing functional requirements for a personal mobile learning device,
- 75 including:
- 76 (i) requiring the use of a technology protection device to provide on and off campus
- 77 Internet filtering;
- 78 (ii) making a personal mobile learning device available for statewide adaptive testing;
- 79 and
- 80 (iii) making composition and writing software available for a personal mobile learning
- 81 device; and
- 82 (g) relating to the ownership of a personal mobile learning device.
- 83 (5) If a school district or charter school uses grant money in violation of this section or
- 84 rules adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to this section, the school district or
- 85 charter school is liable for reimbursing the State Board of Education in the amount of the grant
- 86 money that is improperly used.
- 87 (6) A school district or charter school may not use federal funds to provide the
- 88 matching funds required to receive a grant under this section.
- 89 (7) A school district may not impose a tax rate above the certified tax rate for the

90 purpose of generating revenue to provide matching funds for a grant under this section.

91 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

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

97 To State Board of Education

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

99 Schedule of Programs:

100 Related to Basic Program -

101 Personal Mobile Learning Devices \$3,000,000

102 **Section 3. Effective date.**

103 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 14, 2013.

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

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