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**EDUCATOR LICENSURE AMENDMENTS**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson**

House Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses requirements related to licensing of educators.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

~~→ [ → provides that a teacher who provides distance learning is not required to obtain a license issued by the State Board of Education under certain circumstances; and] ←~~

- ▶ provides that an individual employed at least half time in a position for which a teacher's license is required, including a position in an online school or a school that uses digital technologies for instruction or blended learning, satisfies the work experience requirement for participation in an alternative preparation program.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

~~→ [ ~~53A-6-113, Utah Code Annotated 1953~~ ] ←~~

**53A-6-114**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28            ~~§→ [Section 1. Section 53A-6-113 is enacted to read:~~  
 29            ~~53A-6-113. Distance learning -- License requirements.~~  
 30            ~~(1) As used in this section, "distance learning" means instruction of curriculum that is:~~  
 31            ~~(a) aligned with the core curriculum standards established by the board; and~~  
 32            ~~(b) delivered from a remote location across state lines.~~  
 33            ~~(2) A teacher who provides distance learning to a student in Utah is not required to~~  
 34 ~~hold a license if:~~  
 35            ~~(a) the teacher holds a teaching credential issued by another state for the grade level~~  
 36 ~~and subject taught to a Utah student;~~  
 37            ~~(b) the teacher is employed at a school in the state where the teacher's teaching~~  
 38 ~~credential was issued; and~~  
 39            ~~(c) the out-of-state school where the teacher is employed is accredited by the~~  
 40 ~~accrediting body that accredits public schools in Utah pursuant to board rule.] ←§~~

41            Section ~~§→ [2] 1 ←§~~ . Section 53A-6-114 is enacted to read:  
 42            **53A-6-114. Alternative preparation program -- Work experience requirement.**  
 43            An individual who is employed at least half time in a position for which a teacher's  
 44 license is required pursuant to board rule, including a position in an online school or a school  
 45 that uses digital technologies for instruction or blended learning, satisfies the work experience  
 46 requirement for participation in an alternative preparation program.

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