

LOCAL CONTROL OF CLASSROOM TIME REQUIREMENTS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill gives flexibility to a local school board or charter school governing board in establishing the number of days or hours within an academic school year.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows a local school board or charter school governing board to establish the number of days or equivalent instructional hours that school is held for an academic school year; and
- ▶ provides that if funding through the Minimum School Program is based on average daily membership (ADM), the funding shall be based on ADM during an academic school year as established by a local school board or charter school governing board.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-17a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 371



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

29 Section 1. Section **53A-17a-103** is amended to read:

30 **53A-17a-103. Definitions.**

31 As used in this chapter:

32 (1) "Basic state-supported school program" or "basic program" means public education
33 programs for kindergarten, elementary, and secondary school students that are operated and
34 maintained for the amount derived by multiplying the number of weighted pupil units for each
35 school district or charter school by the value established each year in statute, except as
36 otherwise provided in this chapter.

37 (2) (a) "Certified revenue levy" means a property tax levy that provides an amount of
38 ad valorem property tax revenue equal to the sum of:

39 (i) the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue to be generated statewide in the
40 previous year from imposing a minimum basic tax rate, as specified in Subsection
41 [53A-17a-135\(1\)\(a\)](#); and

42 (ii) the product of:

43 (A) new growth, as defined in:

44 (I) [Section 59-2-924](#); and

45 (II) rules of the State Tax Commission; and

46 (B) the minimum basic tax rate certified by the State Tax Commission for the previous
47 year.

48 (b) For purposes of this Subsection (2), "ad valorem property tax revenue" does not
49 include property tax revenue received statewide from personal property that is:

50 (i) assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 3, County
51 Assessment; and

52 (ii) semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

53 (c) For purposes of calculating the certified revenue levy described in this Subsection
54 (2), the State Tax Commission shall use:

55 (i) the taxable value of real property assessed by a county assessor contained on the
56 assessment roll;

57 (ii) the taxable value of real and personal property assessed by the State Tax
58 Commission; and

59 (iii) the taxable year end value of personal property assessed by a county assessor
60 contained on the prior year's assessment roll.

61 (3) "Pupil in average daily membership (ADM)" means a full-day equivalent pupil.

62 (4) (a) "State-supported minimum school program" or "Minimum School Program"
63 means public school programs for kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools as
64 described in this Subsection (4).

65 ~~[(b) The minimum school program established in school districts and charter schools~~
66 ~~shall include the equivalent of a school term of nine months as determined by the State Board~~
67 ~~of Education.]~~

68 ~~[(c) (i) The board]~~ (b) A local school board or charter school governing board shall
69 establish the number of days or equivalent instructional hours that school is held for an
70 academic school year.

71 (c) (i) If, as provided in this chapter, funding for a school district or charter school
72 through the Minimum School Program is based on ADM, the funding shall be based on ADM
73 during an academic school year as established by the local school board or charter school
74 governing board.

75 (ii) Education, enhanced by utilization of technologically enriched delivery systems,
76 when approved by local school boards or charter school governing boards, shall receive full
77 support by the State Board of Education as it pertains to fulfilling the attendance requirements,
78 excluding time spent viewing commercial advertising.

79 (d) The Minimum School Program includes a program or allocation funded by a line
80 item appropriation or other appropriation designated as follows:

- 81 (i) Basic School Program;
82 (ii) Related to Basic Programs;
83 (iii) Voted and Board Levy Programs; or
84 (iv) Minimum School Program.

85 (5) "Weighted pupil unit or units or WPU or WPUs" means the unit of measure of
86 factors that is computed in accordance with this chapter for the purpose of determining the
87 costs of a program on a uniform basis for each district.

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