

PUBLIC SCHOOL DROPOUT RECOVERY

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides for public school dropout recovery services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires a local education agency (LEA) to:
 - create a restricted account consisting of certain funds; and
 - use the funds in the restricted account to provide dropout recovery services;
- ▶ provides that an LEA may contract with a provider to provide dropout recovery services subject to certain conditions; and
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
 - audit LEAs' use of the funds in the restricted account; and
 - make rules.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-17a-172, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-172** is enacted to read:

53A-17a-172. Use of minimum school program funds for dropout recovery

services.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Adequate monthly progress" means:

(i) an amount of progress that is measurable on a monthly basis and that, if continued for a full 12 months, would result in the same amount of academic credit being awarded to an eligible student as would be awarded to a regularly enrolled, full time student during the same time period;

(ii) completion of one-quarter credit of work readiness course work; or

(iii) completion of one-quarter credit of college readiness course work.

(b) "Attainment goal" means:

(i) for an eligible student up to 18 years of age:

(A) earning a high school diploma;

(B) earning a Utah High School Completion Diploma, as defined in State Board of Education rule; or

(C) earning an industry-based certificate that is likely to result in job placement; or

(ii) for an eligible student over 18 years of age, earning a high school diploma.

(c) "Average daily membership" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53A-17a-103](#).

(d) "College readiness course work" means course work that prepares a student to succeed in a post-secondary environment, such as course work designed to teach time management skills and study skills.

(e) "Eligible student" means:

(i) for a student up to 18 years of age, a student who has:

(A) withdrawn from a secondary school prior to earning a diploma with no legitimate reason for departure or absence from school; and

(B) been dropped from average daily membership under the 10-day rule as described in rules established by the State Board of Education; or

- 59 (ii) for a student over 18 years of age, a student who:
- 60 (A) has met the criteria described in Subsection (1)(e)(i); and
- 61 (B) declares an intent to complete requirements for a high school diploma under
- 62 Section 53A-12-101.
- 63 (f) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school.
- 64 (g) "Work readiness course work" means course work that prepares a student to
- 65 succeed in a work environment, such as:
- 66 (i) career and technical education courses;
- 67 (ii) career exploration and planning courses; and
- 68 (iii) course work designed to teach the soft skills that are necessary to succeed in a
- 69 work environment.
- 70 (2) An LEA shall:
- 71 (a) create a restricted account consisting of the funds described in Subsection (2)(b);
- 72 (b) deposit the following funds into the restricted account described in Subsection
- 73 (2)(a):
- 74 (i) 30% of the value of one weighted pupil unit for each eligible student that is
- 75 classified as an eligible student during the current school year; and
- 76 (ii) the funds generated by counting an eligible student as part of the LEA's average
- 77 daily membership as described in Subsection (6); and
- 78 (c) use the funds in the LEA's restricted account described in Subsection (2)(a) to
- 79 provide dropout recovery services as described in this section.
- 80 (3) An LEA shall ensure that dropout recovery services provided under this section
- 81 include:
- 82 (a) recruiting eligible students;
- 83 (b) allowing an eligible student to enroll in a dropout recovery program at any point
- 84 during the calendar year;
- 85 (c) working with an eligible student to identify and mitigate social barriers to regular
- 86 school attendance;
- 87 (d) developing a learning plan, in consultation with the eligible student, to:
- 88 (i) identify an attainment goal; and
- 89 (ii) specify adequate monthly progress toward the attainment goal;

90 (e) monitoring an eligible student's progress against the eligible student's learning plan;

91 (f) providing tiered interventions for an eligible student who is not making adequate

92 monthly progress; and

93 (g) delivering dropout recovery services throughout the calendar year.

94 (4) Subject to Subsection (5), an LEA may contract with a provider to provide dropout

95 recovery services.

96 (5) An LEA that contracts with a provider to provide dropout recovery services shall

97 ensure that:

98 (a) the provider has a demonstrated record of effectiveness engaging with and

99 recovering eligible students;

100 (b) a contract with a provider described in Subsection (4):

101 (i) requires the provider to:

102 (A) provide the services described in Subsection (3); and

103 (B) regularly report an eligible student's progress to the LEA;

104 (ii) specifies that the LEA will only reimburse the provider for months during which an

105 eligible student has made adequate monthly progress toward the attainment goal identified in

106 the eligible student's learning plan; and

107 (iii) allows the provider to disenroll an eligible student who is not making adequate

108 monthly progress toward the attainment goal identified in the eligible student's learning plan

109 for three consecutive months.

110 (6) (a) Subject to Subsection (6)(b), an LEA may count a student that was classified as

111 an eligible student during a previous school year in average daily membership for the current

112 school year if the eligible student continues to receive dropout recovery services during the

113 current school year as described in this section.

114 (b) An LEA may only count a student described in Subsection (6)(a) in average daily

115 membership for months during which the student makes adequate monthly progress.

116 (7) The State Board of Education shall:

117 (a) make rules specifying procedures for calculating average daily membership under

118 Subsection (6); and

119 (b) audit LEAs to ensure that the funds described in Subsection (2) are only used as

120 described in this section.

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