

1 **SCHOOL DISTRICTS - TRANSPORTATION POLICIES**

2 2015 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams**

5 House Sponsor: Steve Eliason

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies provisions relating to eligible regional service centers formed by at
10 least two school districts.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ establishes requirements for at least two school districts that form an eligible
- 14 regional service center to coordinate public education transportation services; and
- 15 ▶ makes technical changes.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **53A-3-429**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 63

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

25 Section 1. Section **53A-3-429** is amended to read:

26 **53A-3-429. Regional service centers.**

27 (1) For purposes of this section, "eligible regional service center" means a regional



28 service center formed by [~~two or more~~] at least two school districts as an interlocal entity, in
29 accordance with Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act.

30 (2) The Legislature strongly encourages school districts to collaborate and cooperate to
31 provide educational services in a manner that will best utilize resources for the overall
32 operation of the public education system.

33 (3) An eligible regional service center formed by an interlocal agreement, in
34 accordance with Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, may receive a distribution
35 described in Subsection (5) if the Legislature appropriates money for eligible regional service
36 centers.

37 (4) (a) If local school boards enter into an interlocal agreement to confirm or formalize
38 a regional service center in operation before July 1, 2011, the interlocal agreement may not
39 eliminate any rights or obligations of the regional service center in effect before entering into
40 the interlocal agreement.

41 (b) An interlocal agreement entered into to confirm or formalize an existing regional
42 service center shall have the effect of confirming and ratifying in the regional service center,
43 the title to any property held in the name, or for the benefit of the regional service center as of
44 the effective date of the interlocal agreement.

45 (5) (a) The State Board of Education shall distribute any funding appropriated to
46 eligible regional service centers as provided by the Legislature.

47 (b) The State Board of Education may provide funding to an eligible regional service
48 center in addition to legislative appropriations.

49 (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
50 State Board of Education shall make rules regarding eligible regional service centers including:

51 (a) the distribution of legislative appropriations to eligible regional service centers;

52 (b) the designation of eligible regional service centers as agents to distribute Utah
53 Education and Telehealth Network services; and

54 (c) the designation of eligible regional service centers as agents for regional
55 coordination of public education and higher education services.

56 (7) A public school that is a charter school may enter into a contract with an eligible
57 regional service center to receive education related services from the eligible regional service
58 center.

59 (8) (a) In accordance with Subsection (8)(b) or (c), at least two school districts may
60 form an eligible regional service center for the purpose of coordinating public education
61 transportation services.

62 (b) School districts that form an eligible regional service center described in
63 Subsection (8)(a) by creating an interlocal entity as defined in Section [11-13-103](#) shall establish
64 an interlocal entity governing body as described in Subsection (8)(d).

65 (c) School districts that form an eligible regional service center described in Subsection
66 (8)(a) by entering into a joint or cooperative undertaking as described in Section [11-13-207](#)
67 shall establish a joint board as described in Subsection (8)(d).

68 (d) A governing body described in Subsection (8)(b) or a joint board described in
69 Subsection (8)(c) shall consist of:

70 (i) only elected members of the local school boards from the school districts that form
71 the regional service center; and

72 (ii) at least one member of a local school board from each school district that forms the
73 regional service center.

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