

PEER ASSISTANCE AND REVIEW PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Joel K. Briscoe

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the Peer Assistance and Review Program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ requires the State Board of Education to select at least two school districts to participate in the Peer Assistance and Review Program (PAR Program) **H→ if at least two school districts apply and qualify for the PAR program ←H** ;

- ▶ amends reporting requirements;
- ▶ removes the repeal date for the PAR Program; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to the State Board of Education - State Office of Education - Initiative Programs as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the Education Fund, \$500,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-8a-801, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 273

53A-8a-802, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 273

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59 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) provide support and mentoring ~~[to novice teachers and underperforming~~
60 ~~veteran teachers]~~; and

61 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) make recommendations for continued employment or dismissal ~~[of novice~~
62 ~~teachers and underperforming veteran teachers]~~.

63 (2) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall appropriate money ~~[for a~~
64 ~~five-year period]~~ to the State Board of Education for the PAR Program.

65 (3) ~~H→~~ (a) ~~←H~~ The State Board of Education shall:

66 ~~H→~~ [(a)] (i) ~~←H~~ solicit proposals from school districts for the use of grant money to
66a develop and

67 implement PAR Programs; and

68 ~~H→~~ [(b)] (ii) ~~H→~~ subject to Subsection (3)(b), ~~←H~~ award grants to ~~H→~~ [at least
68a two] ~~←H~~ school districts on a competitive basis.

68b ~~H→~~ (b) If at least two school districts submit a proposal under Subsection (5) and qualify
68c to receive a grant, the State Board of Education shall award grants to at least two school
68d districts. ~~←H~~

69 (4) In awarding a grant under Subsection (3)(b), the State Board of Education shall
70 consider:

71 (a) ~~[the applicant's]~~ a school district's capacity to effectively achieve the purposes of
72 the PAR Program as described in Subsection (1);

73 (b) whether ~~[the]~~ a school district has a rigorous and standards-based teacher
74 evaluation system ~~[already]~~ in place; and

75 (c) other criteria as determined by the State Board of Education.

76 (5) To receive a grant, a school district shall submit a proposal to the State Board of
77 Education on how the school district intends to develop and implement a PAR Program, within
78 the specifications of Section 53A-8a-803.

79 (6) A selected school district may use grant money received under this section:

80 (a) to develop and design a PAR Program to fit the needs of the school district, which
81 may include hiring ~~[consultants]~~ a consultant;

82 (b) to fund additional pay or stipends, computers, travel reimbursement, ~~[and]~~ or office
83 space for consulting teachers;

84 (c) for program administration and clerical support staff;

85 (d) for stipends for PAR Joint Panel members;

86 (e) to pay substitute teachers for;

87 (i) PAR Joint Panel members to attend meetings; or ~~[for]~~

88 (ii) teachers ~~[enrolled]~~ participating in the PAR Program to visit and observe other
89 classes; and

183 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
184 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following sums of money
185 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
186 previously appropriated, out of the funds or amounts indicated. These sums of money are in
187 addition to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2017.

188 To State Board of Education -- State Office of Education -- Initiative Programs
189 From Education Fund \$500,000

190 Schedule of Programs:

191 Peer Assistance and Review \$500,000

192 The Legislature intends that:

193 (1) except as provided in Subsection (2), the State Board of Education ~~H→~~ :

(a) ~~←H~~ use the
194 appropriation described in this section ~~H→~~ [to expand] for ~~←H~~ the Peer Assistance and Review
Program

195 created in Section 53A-8a-802 ~~H→~~ [to at least one additional school district] ~~←H~~ ; ~~H→~~ and

(b) prioritize using the appropriation to expand the Peer Assistance and Review
Program to at least one additional school district if at least two school districts submit
proposals and qualify for the Peer Assistance and Review Program. ~~←H~~

196 (2) the State Board of Education may use up to \$25,000 of the appropriation to contract
197 with an independent evaluator to conduct an evaluation, as required by Subsection
198 53A-8a-802(7); and

199 (3) the appropriation provided in this section be:

200 (a) ongoing; and

201 (b) nonlapsing.