

COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION FUNDING

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner

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LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Education Interim Committee recommended this bill.

General Description:

This bill authorizes the State Board of Education to reimburse an eligible local education agency for a student who graduates early.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ establishes the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation From

Competency-Based Education; and

- ▶ authorizes the State Board of Education to reimburse a local education agency that offers a competency-based education for a student who graduates early from the local education agency.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-17a-173, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-173** is enacted to read:

53A-17a-173. Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation From Competency-Based Education.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

(b) "Cohort" means a group of students, defined by the year in which the group enters grade 9.

(c) "Eligible LEA" means an LEA that has demonstrated to the board that the LEA or, for a school district, a school within the LEA, provides and facilitates competency-based education that:

(i) is based on the core principles described in Section [53A-15-1803](#); and

(ii) meets other criteria established by the board in rule.

(d) "Eligible student" means an individual who:

(i) attended an eligible LEA and graduated by completing graduation requirements, as described in Section [53A-13-108](#), earlier than that individual's cohort completed graduation requirements because of the individual's participation in the eligible LEA's competency-based education;

(ii) no longer attends the eligible LEA; and

(iii) is not included in the LEA's average daily membership under this chapter.

(e) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means:

(i) a school district;

(ii) a charter school; or

(iii) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

(f) "Partial pupil" means if an eligible student attends less than a full year of membership, the number of days the student was in membership compared to a full membership year.

(g) "Program" means the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation From Competency-Based Education established in this section.

(2) (a) There is established the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation From

59 Competency-Based Education.

60 (b) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature may annually appropriate
61 money to the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation From Competency-Based
62 Education.

63 (3) An LEA may apply to the board to receive a reimbursement, as described in
64 Subsection (5), for an eligible student.

65 (4) The board shall approve a reimbursement to an LEA after the LEA demonstrates:

66 (a) that the LEA is an eligible LEA; and

67 (b) that the individual for whom the eligible LEA requests reimbursement is an eligible
68 student.

69 (5) (a) For each eligible student, the board shall only reimburse an eligible LEA:

70 (i) if the eligible student attended the eligible LEA for less than a full school year
71 before the eligible student's cohort graduated, up to the value of one weighted pupil unit pro
72 rated based on the difference between:

73 (A) the number of days of partial pupil in average daily membership earned by the
74 eligible LEA while the eligible student was still in attendance; and

75 (B) a full pupil in average daily membership; and

76 (ii) the value of one weighted pupil unit for each full school year the eligible student
77 graduated ahead of the eligible student's cohort.

78 (b) The board shall:

79 (i) use data from the prior year average daily membership to determine the number of
80 eligible students; and

81 (ii) reimburse the eligible LEA in the current school year.

82 (6) The board shall in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
83 Rulemaking Act, adopt rules to administer the provisions of this section.

84 Section 2. **Effective date.**

85 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2017.