

SCHOOL FUNDING REVISIONS

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends and enacts provisions related to public education funding for the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends provisions related to the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53F-2-410, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2

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

27 Section 1. Section **53F-2-410** is amended to read:

28 **53F-2-410. Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program.**

29 (1) (a) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (1)(b), the State Board of Education
30 shall distribute money appropriated for the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program to
31 school districts and charter schools according to a formula adopted by the State Board of
32 Education, after consultation with local education boards.

33 (b) (i) The State Board of Education shall appropriate \$1,200,000 from the
34 appropriation for Enhancement for At-Risk Students for a gang prevention and intervention
35 program designed to help students at-risk for gang involvement stay in school.

36 (ii) Money for the gang prevention and intervention program shall be distributed to
37 school districts and charter schools through a request for proposals process.

38 (2) In establishing a distribution formula under Subsection (1)(a), the State Board of
39 Education shall:

40 (a) use the following criteria:

41 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) low performance on statewide assessments described in Section [53E-4-301](#);

42 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) poverty;

43 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) mobility; ~~[and]~~

44 ~~[(d)]~~ (iv) limited English proficiency[-];

45 (v) chronic absenteeism; and

46 (vi) homelessness;

47 (b) ensure that the distribution formula distributes money on a per student and per
48 criterion basis; and

49 (c) ensure that the distribution formula provides funding for each criterion that a
50 student meets such that a student who meets:

51 (i) one criterion is counted once; and

52 (ii) more than one criterion is counted for each criterion the student meets up to three
53 criteria.

54 (3) Subject to future budget constraints, the amount appropriated for the Enhancement
55 for At-Risk Students Program shall increase annually with growth in the at-risk student
56 population and changes to the value of the weighted pupil unit as defined in Section [53F-9-305](#).

57 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) A local education board shall use money distributed under this section to
58 improve the academic achievement of students who are at risk of academic failure.

59 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The State Board of Education shall develop performance criteria to measure
60 the effectiveness of the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program.

61 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) If a school district or charter school receives an allocation of less than \$10,000
62 under this section, the school district or charter school may use the allocation as described in
63 Section [53F-2-206](#).

64 (7) During the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2022, the Public Education Appropriations
65 Subcommittee shall evaluate:

66 (a) the impact of funding provided in this section to determine whether the funding has
67 improved educational outcomes for students who are at-risk for academic failure; and

68 (b) whether the funding should continue as established, be amended, or be consolidated
69 in the value of the weighted pupil unit.