

**T.H. BELL PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: V. Lowry Snow**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill repeals and enacts provisions related to the Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans Program.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ changes the Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans Program from a loan program to a scholarship program;
- ▶ enacts provisions regarding the scholarship program, including provisions related to:
  - eligibility for a scholarship;
  - prioritization of a scholarship; and
  - the amount and duration of a scholarship; and
- ▶ requires the State Board of Regents to make rules related to the scholarship program.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**



28 ENACTS:

29 **53B-8-114**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

30 REPEALS:

31 **53B-10-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 415

32 **53B-10-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 88

33 **53B-10-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 370



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

36 Section 1. Section **53B-8-114** is enacted to read:

37 **53B-8-114. Terrel H. Bell Education Scholarship Program -- Scholarship**  
38 **requirements -- Rulemaking.**

39 (1) As used in this section:

40 (a) "Approved program" means a bachelor's or master's program that:

41 (i) is a teacher preparation program that:

42 (A) meets the standards described in Section [53E-6-302](#); and

43 (B) provides enhanced clinical experiences; or

44 (ii) prepares an individual to become:

45 (A) a speech-language pathologist; or

46 (B) another licensed professional providing services in a public school to students with  
47 disabilities.

48 (b) "Eligible institution" means a public or private institution of higher education in  
49 Utah that offers an approved program.

50 (c) "High needs area" means a subject area or field in public education that has a high  
51 need for teachers or other employees, as determined in accordance with Subsections (6) and  
52 (7).

53 (d) "Scholarship" means a scholarship described in this section.

54 (2) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall annually appropriate  
55 money to the board for the Terrel H. Bell Education Scholarship Program to be distributed to  
56 eligible institutions to award scholarships to incentivize students to work in public education in  
57 Utah.

58 (3) (a) Subject to the prioritization described in Subsection (3)(b), an eligible

- 59 institution may award a scholarship to an individual who:
- 60 (i) meets the academic standards described in Subsection (6);
- 61 (ii) is enrolled in at least six credit hours at the eligible institution; and
- 62 (iii) declares an intent to:
- 63 (A) apply to and complete an approved program at the eligible institution; and
- 64 (B) work in a Utah public school.
- 65 (b) An eligible institution shall prioritize awarding of scholarships:
- 66 (i) first, to underserved students who intend to work in any area in a Utah public
- 67 school;
- 68 (ii) second, to students who:
- 69 (A) are not underserved students; and
- 70 (B) intend to work in a high needs area in a Utah public school; and
- 71 (iii) last, to other students who meet the requirements described in Subsection (3)(a).
- 72 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), an eligible institution may award a
- 73 scholarship to an individual for an amount up to the cost of resident tuition, fees, and books for
- 74 the number of credit hours in which the individual is enrolled each semester.
- 75 (b) An eligible institution that is a private institution may not award a scholarship for
- 76 an amount of money that exceeds the average scholarship amount granted by a public
- 77 institution of higher education.
- 78 (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), an eligible institution may award a
- 79 scholarship to an individual for up to four consecutive years.
- 80 (b) An eligible institution may grant a scholarship recipient a leave of absence.
- 81 (c) An eligible institution may cancel a scholarship if:
- 82 (i) the scholarship recipient fails to make reasonable progress toward completion of the
- 83 approved program, as determined by the eligible institution; or
- 84 (ii) the eligible institution determines with reasonable certainty that the scholarship
- 85 recipient does not intend to work in a Utah public school.
- 86 (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
- 87 board shall make rules that establish:
- 88 (a) requirements related to an eligible institution's administration of a scholarship;
- 89 (b) a process for an individual to apply to an eligible institution to receive a

90 scholarship;

91 (c) in accordance with Subsection (3)(a), requirements related to eligibility for a  
92 scholarship, including required academic standards;

93 (d) in accordance with Subsection (3)(b), requirements related to prioritization of  
94 scholarships, including determination of:

95 (i) whether a student is an underserved student; and

96 (ii) high needs areas; and

97 (e) criteria to determine whether an individual intends to work in a Utah public school.

98 (7) The board shall consult with the State Board of Education to determine:

99 (a) whether a teacher preparation program provides enhanced clinical experiences; and

100 (b) which subject areas and fields are high needs areas.

101 (8) The board may use up to 5% of money appropriated for the purposes described in  
102 this section to promote the scholarships described in this section.

103 Section 2. **Repealer.**

104 This bill repeals:

105 Section **53B-10-101, Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans program -- Eligible**  
106 **students -- Cancellation of incentive loans -- Repayment by recipient who fails to meet**  
107 **requirements -- Duration of incentive loans.**

108 Section **53B-10-102, Number of incentive loans -- Criteria for awarding.**

109 Section **53B-10-103, Incentive loan appropriation -- Administration of incentive**  
110 **loan program.**