UTAH COMPUTER SCIENCE GRANT ACT
2019 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: John Knotwell
Senate Sponsor: ____________

LONG TITLE

General Description:
This bill modifies provisions related to the Talent Ready Utah Center.

Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
  ▶ defines terms;
  ▶ modifies the responsibilities of the Talent Ready Utah Board;
  ▶ requires the Talent Ready Utah Board to create a computer science education master plan;
  ▶ creates the Computer Science for Utah Grant Program;
  ▶ describes the requirements for the Talent Ready Utah Board to administer the grant program;
  ▶ describes the requirements for a local education agency to apply for the grant program; and
  ▶ describes reporting requirements of a local education agency that receives money from the grant program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:
This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2020:
  ▶ to the Governor's Office of Economic Development -- Computer Science for Utah Grant Program, as an ongoing appropriation:
    ▶ from the General Fund, $10,000,000.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 63N-12-501 is amended to read:

63N-12-501. Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Center" means the Talent Ready Utah Center created in Section 63N-12-502.

(2) "High quality professional learning" means the professional learning standards for teachers and principals described in Section 53G-11-303.

(3) "Local education agency" means a school district, a charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

(4) "Master plan" means the computer science education master plan described in Section 63N-12-505.

(5) "Talent ready board" means the Talent Ready Utah Board created in Section 63N-12-503.

(6) "Workforce programs" means education or industry programs that facilitate training the state's workforce to meet industry demand.

Section 2. Section 63N-12-505 is enacted to read:

63N-12-505. Computer science education master plan.

The talent ready board, in consultation with the center, shall develop a computer science education master plan that:

(1) includes a statement of the objectives and goals of the master plan;

(2) describes how the talent ready board will administer the Computer Science for Utah Grant Program created in Section 63N-12-506;
(3) provides guidance for local education agencies in implementing computer science education opportunities for students in high school, middle school, and elementary school;

(4) integrates recommendations and best practices from private and public entities that are seeking to improve and expand the opportunities for computer science education, including the Expanding Computer Education Pathways Alliance; and

(5) makes recommendations to assist a local education agency in creating a local education agency computer science plan described in Subsection 63N-12-506(5), including:

(a) providing recommendations regarding course offerings in computer science;

(b) providing recommendations regarding professional development opportunities in computer science for licensed teachers;

(c) providing recommendations regarding curriculum software for computer science courses;

(d) providing recommendations regarding assessment solutions to measure the learning outcomes of students in computer science courses; and

(e) providing information regarding how a local education agency can receive technical support from the talent ready board in providing computer science education opportunities for students.

Section 3. Section 63N-12-506 is enacted to read:

63N-12-506. Computer Science for Utah Grant Program.

(1) As used in this section, "grant program" means the Computer Science for Utah Grant Program created in Subsection (2).

(2) The Computer Science for Utah Grant Program is created to provide grants to eligible local education agencies for improving computer science learning outcomes and course offerings as demonstrated by:

(a) the creation and implementation of a local education agency computer science plan as described in Subsection (7); and

(b) the effective implementation of approved courses and the provision of effective training opportunities for licensed teachers.

(3) Subject to appropriations from the Legislature, the talent ready board shall distribute to local education agencies money appropriated for the grant program in accordance with this section.
(4) The talent ready board shall:
(a) solicit proposals from local education agency boards to receive money under the
grant program; and
(b) award grants to a local education agency board on behalf of a local education
agency based on the criteria described in Subsection (6).

(5) In administering the Computer Science for Utah Grant Program, the office, in
consultation with the talent ready board, may make rules, in accordance with this part and Title
63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, that:
(a) describe the form and deadlines for a grant application by a local education agency
under this section; and
(b) describe the reporting requirements required by a local education agency after
receiving a grant under this section.

(6) In awarding a grant under Subsection (3), the talent ready board shall consider the
effectiveness of the local education agency in creating and implementing a local education
agency computer science plan as described in Subsection (7).

(7) Each local education agency that seeks a grant as described in this section shall
submit a written computer science plan, in a form approved by the talent ready board, that:
(a) covers at least four years;
(b) addresses the recommendations of the talent ready board's computer science
education master plan described in Section 63N-12-505;
(c) identifies targets for improved computer science offerings, student learning, and
licensed teacher training;
(d) describes a computer science professional development program and other
opportunities for high quality professional learning for licensed teachers or individuals training
to become licensed teachers;
(e) provides a detailed budget, communications, and reporting structure for
implementing the computer science plan;
(f) commits to provide one computer science course offering, approved by the talent
ready board, in every middle and high school within the local education agency;
(g) commits to integrate computer science education into the curriculum of each
elementary school within the local education agency; and
(h) includes any other requirement established by the office by rule, in consultation with the talent ready board, in accordance with this part and Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(8) Each local education agency that receives a grant as described in this section shall provide an annual written assessment to the talent ready board for each year that the local education agency receives a grant or expends grant money that includes:

(a) how the grant money was used;

(b) any improvements in the number and quality of computer science offerings provided by the local education agency and any increase in the number of licensed teachers providing computer science teaching to students;

(c) any difficulties encountered during implementation of the local education agency's written computer science plan and steps that will be taken to address the difficulties; and

(d) any other requirement established by the office by rule, in consultation with the talent ready board, in accordance with this part and Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(9) (a) The talent ready board shall review each annual written assessment described in Subsection (8).

(b) As a result of the review described in Subsection (9)(a), the board may:

(i) provide recommendations to improve the progress of the local education agency in meeting the objectives of the written computer science plan;

(ii) not renew or extend a grant under this section; or

(iii) take other action to assist the local education agency.

Section 4. Appropriation.

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2020. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

ITEM 1

To the Governor's Office of Economic Development -- Computer Science for Utah Grant Program
From General Fund $10,000,000

Schedule of Programs:

Computer Science for Utah Grant Program $10,000,000