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**HIGH-NEED SCHOOL AMENDMENTS**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kathleen Riebe**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill provides for grants to local education agencies to employ additional educators in high-need schools.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
  - solicit proposals from local education agencies;
  - award grants; and
  - make administrative rules;
- ▶ requires a local education agency that receives a grant to:
  - use the funding to employ an additional first year educator in a high-need school; and
  - report to the State Board of Education;
- ▶ provides a sunset date; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None



28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 107, 117, 385, 415, and  
31 453

32 ENACTS:

33 **53F-5-212**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

36 Section 1. Section **53F-5-212** is enacted to read:

37 **53F-5-212. Grants for additional educators for high-need schools.**

38 (1) As used in this section:

39 (a) "Educator" means an individual who holds a professional educator license  
40 described in Section [53E-6-201](#).

41 (b) "First-year educator" means an educator who is:

- 42 (i) a classroom teacher; and
- 43 (ii) in the educator's first year of teaching.

44 (c) "High-need school" means an elementary school in an LEA that qualifies for a grant  
45 under this section based on the criteria established by the state board under Subsection  
46 (5)(a)(ii).

47 (d) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school.

48 (e) "Title I school" means a school that receives funds under Title I of the Elementary  
49 and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.

50 (2) Subject to legislative appropriations, and in accordance with this section, the state  
51 board shall award a grant to an LEA to fund the salary and benefits for an additional first-year  
52 educator to teach in a high-need school.

53 (3) The state board shall:

- 54 (a) solicit proposals from LEAs to receive a grant under this section; and
- 55 (b) award grants to LEAs on a competitive basis based on the LEA applications  
56 described in Subsection (4).

57 (4) To receive a grant under this section, an LEA shall submit an application to the  
58 state board that:

- 59 (a) lists the school or schools for which the LEA intends to use a grant;  
60 (b) describes how each school for which the LEA intends to use a grant meets the  
61 criteria for being a high-need school; and  
62 (c) includes any other information required by the board under the rules described in  
63 Subsection (5).  
64 (5) (a) The state board shall make rules specifying:  
65 (i) the procedure for an LEA to apply for a grant under this section, including  
66 application requirements; and  
67 (ii) the criteria for determining if an elementary school is a high-need school.  
68 (b) In establishing the criteria described in Subsection (5)(a)(ii), the state board shall  
69 consider the following factors:  
70 (i) Title I school status;  
71 (ii) low school performance, as indicated by the school accountability system described  
72 in Title 53E, Chapter 5, Part 2, School Accountability System;  
73 (iii) a high percentage of students enrolled in the school who are either experiencing or  
74 at risk of experiencing intergenerational poverty;  
75 (iv) a high ratio of students to educators in the school;  
76 (v) higher than average educator turnover in the school;  
77 (vi) a high percentage of students enrolled in the school who are experiencing  
78 homelessness; and  
79 (vii) other factors determined by the state board.  
80 (6) An LEA that receives a grant under this section shall:  
81 (a) (i) use the grant to fund the salary and benefits for an additional first-year educator  
82 who teaches in a high-need school; and  
83 (ii) maintain a class size of fewer than 20 students for a first-year educator whose  
84 salary and benefits are funded by the grant; and  
85 (b) annually submit a report to the state board describing:  
86 (i) how the LEA used the grant; and  
87 (ii) whether the grant was effective in maintaining a smaller class size for the first-year  
88 educator whose salary and benefits were funded by the grant.  
89 Section 2. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

- 90           **63I-1-253. Repeal dates, Titles 53 through 53G.**  
91           The following provisions are repealed on the following dates:  
92           (1) Subsection [53-10-202](#)(18) is repealed July 1, 2018.  
93           (2) Section [53-10-202.1](#) is repealed July 1, 2018.  
94           (3) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.  
95           (4) Section [53B-18-1501](#) is repealed July 1, 2021.  
96           (5) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.  
97           (6) Section [53B-24-402](#), Rural residency training program, is repealed July 1, 2020.  
98           (7) Subsection [53C-3-203](#)(4)(b)(vii), which provides for the distribution of money  
99 from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells, other  
100 hydrologic studies, and air quality monitoring in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2020.  
101           (8) Section [53E-3-515](#) is repealed January 1, 2023.  
102           (9) Section [53F-2-514](#) is repealed July 1, 2020.  
103           (10) Section [53F-5-203](#) is repealed July 1, 2019.  
104           (11) Section [53F-5-212](#) is repealed July 1, 2025.  
105           ~~[(11)]~~ (12) Title 53F, Chapter 5, Part 6, American Indian and Alaskan Native  
106 Education State Plan Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2022.  
107           ~~[(12)]~~ (13) Section [53F-6-201](#) is repealed July 1, 2019.  
108           ~~[(13)]~~ (14) Section [53F-9-501](#) is repealed January 1, 2023.  
109           ~~[(14)]~~ (15) Subsection [53G-8-211](#)(4) is repealed July 1, 2020.