

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to concurrent enrollment courses and funding.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the State Board of Regents to annually approve a prioritized list of upper division concurrent enrollment courses;
- ▶ amends provisions to include upper division concurrent enrollment courses;
- ▶ amends the formula for increasing funding for concurrent enrollment; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

- 53E-10-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 120 and 147
- 53E-10-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 120, 147, and 186
- 53E-10-305**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 120, 147, and 223
- 53E-10-307**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 120 and 147
- 53F-2-409**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 136 and 186



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

Section 1. Section **53E-10-301** is amended to read:

53E-10-301. Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Career and technical education course" means a concurrent enrollment course in career and technical education, as determined by the policy established by the State Board of Regents under Section [53E-10-302](#).

(2) "Concurrent enrollment" means enrollment in a course offered through the concurrent enrollment program described in Section [53E-10-302](#).

(3) "Educator" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53E-6-102](#).

(4) "Eligible instructor" means an instructor who meets the requirements described in Subsection [~~[53E-10-302\(5\)](#)~~] [53E-10-302\(6\)](#).

(5) "Eligible student" means a student who:

(a) is enrolled in, and counted in average daily membership in, a public school within the state;

(b) has on file a plan for college and career readiness as described in Section [53E-2-304](#); and

(c) is in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12.

(6) "Institution of higher education" means an institution that is part of the Utah System of Higher Education described in Subsection [53B-1-102\(1\)\(a\)](#).

(7) "License" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53E-6-102](#).

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

(9) "Qualifying experience" means an LEA employee's experience in an academic field that:

(a) qualifies the LEA employee to teach a concurrent enrollment course in the academic field; and

(b) may include the LEA employee's:

(i) number of years teaching in the academic field;

(ii) holding a higher level secondary teaching credential issued by the state board;

(iii) research, publications, or other scholarly work in the academic field;

- 59 (iv) continuing professional education in the academic field;
- 60 (v) portfolio of work related to the academic field; or
- 61 (vi) professional work experience or certifications in the academic field.
- 62 (10) "Value of the weighted pupil unit" means the amount established each year in the
- 63 enacted public education budget that is multiplied by the number of weighted pupil units to
- 64 yield the funding level for the basic state-supported school program.

65 Section 2. Section **53E-10-302** is amended to read:

66 **53E-10-302. Concurrent enrollment program.**

67 (1) The state board and the State Board of Regents shall establish and maintain a

68 concurrent enrollment program that:

69 (a) provides an eligible student the opportunity to enroll in a course that allows the

70 eligible student to earn credit concurrently:

- 71 (i) toward high school graduation; and
- 72 (ii) at an institution of higher education;
- 73 (b) includes only a course that:
 - 74 (i) leads to a degree or certificate offered by an institution of higher education; and
 - 75 (ii) is one of the following:
 - 76 (A) a general education course;
 - 77 (B) a career and technical education course;
 - 78 (C) a pre-major college level course; ~~or~~
 - 79 (D) a foreign language concurrent enrollment course described in Section [53E-10-307](#);

80 or

81 (E) an upper divisions course that the State Board of Regents approves under

82 Subsection (3);

83 (c) requires that the instructor of a concurrent enrollment course is an eligible

84 instructor; and

85 (d) is designed and implemented to take full advantage of the most current available

86 education technology.

87 (2) The state board and the State Board of Regents shall coordinate to:

88 (a) establish a concurrent enrollment course approval process that ensures:

89 (i) credit awarded for concurrent enrollment is consistent and transferable to all

90 institutions of higher education; and

91 (ii) learning outcomes for a concurrent enrollment course align with:

92 (A) core standards for Utah public schools adopted by the state board; and

93 (B) except for a foreign language concurrent enrollment course described in Section

94 53E-10-307 or an upper division course that the State Board of Regents approves under

95 Subsection (3), an institution of higher education lower division course numbered at or above

96 the 1000 level; and

97 (b) provide advising to an eligible student, including information on:

98 (i) general education requirements at institutions of higher education; and

99 (ii) how to choose concurrent enrollment courses to avoid duplication or excess credit

100 hours.

101 (3) The State Board of Regents, after consulting with the state board, shall annually

102 approve a prioritized list of upper division courses for which an institution of higher education

103 may use concurrent enrollment money.

104 [~~3~~] (4) After consultation with institution of higher education concurrent enrollment
105 directors, the State Board of Regents shall:

106 (a) provide guidelines to an institution of higher education for establishing qualifying
107 academic criteria for an eligible student to enroll in a concurrent enrollment course; and

108 (b) on or before July 1, 2019, establish a policy that:

109 (i) determines which concurrent enrollment courses are career and technical education
110 courses; and

111 (ii) creates a process for:

112 (A) an LEA to appeal an institution of higher education's decision under Subsection

113 [~~6~~] (7) if the institution of higher education does not approve an LEA employee as an eligible
114 instructor; and

115 (B) an LEA or institution of higher education to determine whether an eligible
116 instructor who previously taught a concurrent enrollment course is no longer qualified to teach
117 the concurrent enrollment course.

118 [~~4~~] (5) To qualify for funds under Section 53F-2-409, an LEA and an institution of
119 higher education shall:

120 (a) enter into a contract, in accordance with Section 53E-10-303, to provide one or

121 more concurrent enrollment courses that are approved under the course approval process
122 described in Subsection (2);

123 (b) ensure that an instructor who teaches a concurrent enrollment course is an eligible
124 instructor;

125 (c) establish qualifying academic criteria for an eligible student to enroll in a
126 concurrent enrollment course, in accordance with the guidelines described in Subsection
127 ~~[(3)(a)]~~ (4)(a);

128 (d) ensure that a student who enrolls in a concurrent enrollment course is an eligible
129 student; and

130 (e) coordinate advising to eligible students.

131 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) (a) An institution of higher education faculty member is an eligible instructor.

132 (b) An LEA employee is an eligible instructor if the LEA employee:

133 (i) is licensed under Chapter 6, Education Professional Licensure;

134 (ii) is supervised by an institution of higher education; and

135 (iii) (A) as described in Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (7), is approved as an eligible instructor by the
136 institution of higher education that provides the concurrent enrollment course taught by the
137 LEA employee;

138 (B) has an upper level mathematics credential issued by the state board;

139 (C) is approved as adjunct faculty by the institution of higher education that provides
140 the concurrent enrollment course taught by the LEA employee; or

141 (D) teaches a concurrent enrollment course that the LEA employee taught during the
142 2018-19 or 2019-20 school year.

143 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) An institution of higher education shall approve an LEA employee as an
144 eligible instructor:

145 (a) for a career and technical education concurrent enrollment course, if the LEA
146 employee has:

147 (i) a degree, certificate, or industry certification in the concurrent enrollment course's
148 academic field; or

149 (ii) qualifying experience, as determined by the institution of higher education; or

150 (b) for a concurrent enrollment course other than a career and technical education
151 course, if the LEA employee has:

- 152 (i) a master's degree or higher in the concurrent enrollment course's academic field;
- 153 (ii) (A) a master's degree or higher in any academic field; and
- 154 (B) at least 18 completed credit hours of graduate course work in an academic field
- 155 that is relevant to the concurrent enrollment course; or
- 156 (iii) qualifying experience, as determined by the institution of higher education.

157 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) An institution of higher education shall accept credits earned by a student who
158 completes a concurrent enrollment course on the same basis as credits earned by a full-time or
159 part-time student enrolled at the institution of higher education.

160 Section 3. Section **53E-10-305** is amended to read:

161 **53E-10-305. Tuition and fees.**

162 (1) Except as provided in this section, the State Board of Regents or an institution of
163 higher education may not charge tuition or fees for a concurrent enrollment course.

164 (2) (a) The State Board of Regents may charge a one-time fee for a student to
165 participate in the concurrent enrollment program.

166 (b) A student who pays a fee described in Subsection (2)(a) does not satisfy a general
167 admission application fee requirement for a full-time or part-time student at an institution of
168 higher education.

169 (3) (a) An institution of higher education may charge a one-time admission application
170 fee for concurrent enrollment course credit offered by the institution of higher education.

171 (b) Payment of the fee described in Subsection (3)(a) satisfies the general admission
172 application fee requirement for a full-time or part-time student at an institution of higher
173 education.

174 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), an institution of higher education may
175 charge partial tuition of no more than \$30 per credit hour for a concurrent enrollment course
176 for which a student earns college credit.

177 (b) An institution of higher education may not charge more than:

178 (i) \$5 per credit hour for an eligible student who qualifies for free or reduced price
179 school lunch;

180 (ii) \$10 per credit hour for a concurrent enrollment course that is taught at an LEA by
181 an eligible instructor described in Subsection ~~[53E-10-302(5)(b)]~~ 53E-10-302(6)(b); or

182 (iii) \$15 per credit hour for a concurrent enrollment course that is taught through video

183 conferencing.

184 (5) In accordance with Section [53G-7-603](#), an LEA may charge a fee for a textbook, as
185 defined in Section [53G-7-601](#), that is required for a concurrent enrollment course.

186 Section 4. Section **53E-10-307** is amended to read:

187 **53E-10-307. Concurrent enrollment courses for accelerated foreign language**
188 **students.**

189 (1) As used in this section:

190 (a) "Accelerated foreign language student" means an eligible student who has passed a
191 world language advanced placement exam.

192 (b) "Blended learning delivery model" means an education delivery model in which a
193 student learns, at least in part:

194 (i) through online learning with an element of student control over time, place, path,
195 and pace; and

196 (ii) in the physical presence of an instructor.

197 (c) "State university" means an institution of higher education that offers courses
198 leading to a bachelor's degree.

199 (2) The University of Utah shall partner with all state universities to develop, as part of
200 the concurrent enrollment program described in this part, concurrent enrollment courses that:

201 (a) are age-appropriate foreign language courses for accelerated foreign language
202 students;

203 (b) count toward a foreign language degree offered by an institution of higher
204 education; and

205 (c) are delivered:

206 (i) using a blended learning delivery model; and

207 (ii) by an eligible instructor described in Subsection [~~53E-10-302(5)(a)~~]

208 [53E-10-302\(6\)\(a\)](#).

209 Section 5. Section **53F-2-409** is amended to read:

210 **53F-2-409. Concurrent enrollment funding.**

211 (1) The terms defined in Section [53E-10-301](#) apply to this section.

212 (2) The state board shall allocate money appropriated for concurrent enrollment in
213 accordance with this section.

214 (3) (a) The state board shall allocate money appropriated for concurrent enrollment in
215 proportion to the number of credit hours earned for courses taken where:

- 216 (i) an LEA primarily bears the cost of instruction; and
- 217 (ii) an institution of higher education primarily bears the cost of instruction.

218 (b) From the money allocated under Subsection (3)(a)(i), the state board shall
219 distribute:

- 220 (i) 60% of the money to LEAs; and
- 221 (ii) 40% of the money to the State Board of Regents.

222 (c) From the money allocated under Subsection (3)(a)[(ii)], the state board shall
223 distribute:

- 224 (i) 40% of the money to LEAs; and
 - 225 (ii) 60% of the money to the State Board of Regents.
- 226 (d) The state board shall make rules providing for the distribution of the money to
227 LEAs under Subsections (3)(b)(i) and (3)(c)(i).

228 (e) The State Board of Regents shall make rules providing for the distribution of the
229 money allocated to institutions of higher education under Subsections (3)(b)(ii) and (3)(c)(ii).

230 (4) Subject to budget constraints, the Legislature shall annually increase the money
231 appropriated for concurrent enrollment in proportion to the percentage increase over the
232 previous school year in:

- 233 (a) [~~kindergarten through grade 12 student~~] concurrent enrollment; and
- 234 (b) the value of the weighted pupil unit.

235 (5) If an LEA receives an allocation of less than \$10,000 under this section, the LEA
236 may use the allocation as described in Section [53F-2-206](#).