

PAID PROFESSIONAL HOURS FOR EDUCATORS

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31 **LONG TITLE**

32 **General Description:**

33 This bill requires the State Board of Education to provide funding to local education
34 agencies for additional paid professional hours for educators.

35 **Highlighted Provisions:**

36 This bill:

- 37 ▶ requires the State Board of Education (state board) to provide funding to local
38 education agencies (LEAs) for additional paid professional hours for educators;
- 39 ▶ describes the professional development LEAs will provide with state board funding;
40 and
- 41 ▶ requires the Executive Appropriations Committee, in preparing budget bills, to use
42 one-time appropriations in the Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted
43 Account for a certain amount of paid professional hours for educators.

44 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

45 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2023:

- 46 ▶ to State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic
47 Programs, as a one-time appropriation:
 - 48 • from the Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account,
49 One-time, \$64,000,000.

50 **Other Special Clauses:**

51 This bill provides a special effective date.

52 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

53 AMENDS:

54 **53F-9-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 207

55 ENACTS:

56 **53F-7-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

59 Section 1. Section **53F-7-202** is enacted to read:

60 **53F-7-202. Paid professional hours for educators.**

61 (1) Subject to legislative appropriations, the state board shall provide funding to each
62 LEA to provide additional paid professional hours to the following educators in accordance
63 with this section:

- 64 (a) general education and special education teachers;
- 65 (b) counselors;
- 66 (c) school administration;
- 67 (d) school specialists;
- 68 (e) student support;
- 69 (f) school psychologists;
- 70 (g) speech language pathologists; and
- 71 (h) audiologists.

72 (2) The state board shall distribute funds appropriated to the state board under
73 Subsection 53F-9-204(6) to each LEA in proportion to the number of educators described in
74 Subsection (1) within the LEA.

75 (3) An LEA shall use funding under this section to provide paid professional hours
76 that:

- 77 (a) provide educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to enable students to
78 succeed in a well-rounded education and to meet the challenging state academic standards; and
- 79 (b) may include activities that:
 - 80 (i) improve and increase an educator's:
 - 81 (A) knowledge of the academic subjects the educator teaches;

- 82 (B) time to plan and prepare daily lessons based on student needs;
- 83 (C) understanding of how students learn; and
- 84 (D) ability to analyze student work and achievement from multiple sources, including
- 85 how to adjust instructional strategies, assessments, and materials based on the analysis;
- 86 (ii) are an integral part of broad school-wide and LEA-wide educational improvement
- 87 plans;
- 88 (iii) allow personalized plans for each educator to address the educator's specific needs
- 89 identified in observation or other feedback;
- 90 (iv) advance educator understanding of:
- 91 (A) effective and evidence-based instructional strategies; and
- 92 (B) strategies for improving student academic achievement or substantially increasing
- 93 the knowledge and teaching skills of educators;
- 94 (v) are aligned with, and directly related to, academic goals of the school or LEA; and
- 95 (vi) include instruction in the use of data and assessments to inform and instruct
- 96 classroom practice.

97 (4) An educator shall:

- 98 (a) before the first day of instruction in a given school year, create a plan, in
- 99 consultation with the educator's principal, on how the educator plans to use paid professional
- 100 hours provided under this section during the school year; and
- 101 (b) before the end of a given school year, provide a written statement to the educator's
- 102 principal of how the educator used paid professional hours provided under this section during
- 103 the school year.

104 Section 2. Section **53F-9-204** is amended to read:

105 **53F-9-204. Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account.**

106 (1) There is created within the Uniform School Fund a restricted account known as the

107 "Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account."

108 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), the account shall be funded from the

109 following revenue sources:

110 (i) 15% of the difference between, as determined by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal

111 Analyst:

112 (A) the estimated amount of ongoing Education Fund and Uniform School Fund
113 revenue available for the Legislature to appropriate for the next fiscal year; and

114 (B) the amount of ongoing appropriations from the Education Fund and Uniform
115 School Fund in the current fiscal year; and

116 (ii) other appropriations as the Legislature may designate.

117 (b) If the appropriation described in Subsection (2)(a) would cause the ongoing
118 appropriations to the account to exceed 11% of Uniform School Fund appropriations described
119 in Section 53F-9-201.1 for the same fiscal year, the Legislature shall appropriate only those
120 funds necessary to ensure that the ongoing appropriations to the account equal 11% of Uniform
121 School Fund appropriations for that fiscal year.

122 (3) Subject to the availability of ongoing appropriations to the account, in accordance
123 with Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 5, Subsection (4), the ongoing appropriation to the
124 account shall be used to fund:

125 (a) except for a year described in Subsection (3)(b), one-time appropriations to the
126 public education system; and

127 (b) the Minimum School Program for a year in which Education Fund revenue and
128 Uniform School Fund revenue are insufficient to fund:

129 (i) ongoing appropriations to the public education system; and

130 (ii) enrollment growth and inflation estimates, as defined in Section 53F-9-201.1.

131 (4) (a) The account shall earn interest.

132 (b) All interest earned on account money shall be deposited in the account.

133 (5) On or before December 31, 2023, and every three years thereafter, the Office of the
134 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall:

135 (a) review the percentages described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) and (2)(b); and

136 (b) recommend to the Executive Appropriations Subcommittee any changes based on
137 the review described in Subsection (5)(a).

138 (6) In preparing budget bills for a given fiscal year, the Executive Appropriations
139 Committee shall make the one-time appropriations described in Subsection (3)(a) by
140 appropriating at least the lesser of 10% of the total amount of the one-time appropriations or
141 the cost of providing 32 paid professional hours for teachers in accordance with Section
142 53F-7-202.

143 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

144 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
145 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
146 fiscal year 2023. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
147 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
148 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

149 ITEM 1

150 To State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School
151 Programs

152 From Public Education Economic Stabilization

153 Restricted Account, One-time \$64,000,000

154 Schedule of Programs:

155 Educator Professional Time \$64,000,000

156 Section 4. **Effective date.**

157 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2022.