

Senator Lincoln Fillmore proposes the following substitute bill:

LONG-TERM EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

House Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes the Long-term Educational Achievement Program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ establishes the Long-term Education Achievement Program pilot program for local education agencies (LEAs), nonprofit organizations, local municipalities, and communities to partner on improving student outcomes;
- ▶ creates a process for an LEA and a nonprofit organization to propose partnering with a municipality to foster a community-oriented plan for student graduation and achievement;
- ▶ requires a proposal to identify a high school feeder system for the program;
- ▶ establishes requirements to receive funding under the program;
- ▶ allows regulatory waivers to support implementation;
- ▶ establishes requirements for a participating LEA, nonprofit organizations, and municipalities; and
- ▶ requires reporting on progress and outcomes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:



26 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2025:
27 ▶ to State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School
28 Programs - Long-term Educational Achievement Program as a one-time
29 appropriation:

- 30 • from the Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account,
- 31 One-time, \$30,000,000

32 **Other Special Clauses:**

33 This bill provides a special effective date.

34 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

35 AMENDS:

36 **63I-1-253 (Eff 07/01/24) (Cont Sup 01/01/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023,
37 Chapters 30, 52, 133, 161, 310, 367, and 494

38 **63I-1-253 (Contingently Effective 01/01/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023,
39 Chapters 30, 52, 133, 161, 187, 310, 367, and 494

40 ENACTS:

41 **53F-5-222**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

44 Section 1. Section **53F-5-222** is enacted to read:

45 **53F-5-222. Long-term Educational Achievement Program.**

46 (1) As used in this section:

47 (a) "Backbone organization" means a nonprofit entity that provides strategic
48 coordination and support for cross-sector partnerships.

49 (b) "High school feeder system" means a junior high and at least one elementary school
50 that provides students to the same high school within the LEA.

51 (c) "Local communities" means the local municipal leaders, businesses, and other
52 organizations within a geographic area proximate to a school.

53 (d) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school that
54 offers educational services to grades K-12.

55 (e) "Student achievement" means a student's academic performance measured by
56 standardized tests and proficiency indicators.

57 (2) There is created a six-year pilot program known as the Long-term Educational
58 Achievement Program to foster collaboration between an LEA, a backbone organization, a
59 local municipality, and local communities in ensuring:

60 (a) schools can focus on teaching reading, math, science, and history; and

61 (b) all students have improved academic outcomes.

62 (3) (a) An LEA and backbone organization shall partner with the local municipality to
63 create a proposal for the Long-term Educational Achievement Program.

64 (b) The participating LEA or backbone organization shall submit the proposal to the
65 state board.

66 (4) The proposal shall include:

67 (a) a plan for implementation in at least one identified high school feeder system within
68 the participating LEA that has a high school with a graduation rate of 85% or lower and one of
69 the following:

70 (i) each junior high and elementary school is a Title I school; or

71 (ii) at least 50% of students at each junior high and elementary school qualify for free
72 or reduced lunch;

73 (b) a demonstration of at least five years of partnered work on educational and
74 community outcomes between:

75 (i) the LEA;

76 (ii) a backbone organization;

77 (iii) local municipal leaders;

78 (iv) local non-profit organizations;

79 (v) other local community organizations; and

80 (vi) the local business community;

81 (c) a strategic plan for the duration of the pilot program between the participating LEA,
82 a backbone organization, and local municipal leaders to:

83 (i) by the end of the pilot program, achieve a 95% four-year cohort high school
84 graduation rate within the identified high school feeder system;

85 (ii) by the end of the pilot program, achieve 70% reading and math proficiency in
86 kindergarten through grade 8 throughout the identified high school feeder system;

87 (iii) outline:

- 88 (A) a plan for the partners to share aggregate data on academic results in a public
89 dashboard and facilitate progress among students within the high school feeder system;
90 (B) a plan for engaging families to support students in the home;
91 (C) a plan for community engagement;
92 (D) a plan and process for collaborative leadership within the partnership including
93 identified roles of parents and each partner;
94 (E) expanded and enriched learning opportunities to provide each student with
95 individualized support and access to local opportunities;
96 (F) a plan to develop a system to use in-community resources that align with
97 school-based supports;
98 (G) the provision of rigorous and personalized classroom instruction to each student;
99 and
100 (H) strategic plan performance measures using data sharing systems and agreements
101 between partners that adhere to federal and state privacy laws; and
102 (iv) identify and use community resources to support parents and remove barriers to
103 learning for students, including:
104 (A) health and mental health services;
105 (B) nutrition services;
106 (C) early childhood education programs;
107 (D) out-of-school time programs;
108 (E) mentoring and other youth development programs;
109 (F) parent education and development activities;
110 (G) housing resources; and
111 (H) crime prevention and rehabilitation services;
112 (d) a budget identifying:
113 (i) the total amount of funds requested;
114 (ii) the percentage of the total funds to be allocated to the:
115 (A) LEA;
116 (B) backbone organization; and
117 (C) local municipality or community organizations;
118 (iii) any funding contributions provided by an entity described in Subsection

- 119 (4)(d)(ii)(A) through (C); and
- 120 (iv) the general use proposed for the funds including administrative costs;
- 121 (e) any regulatory waivers needed for implementation including:
- 122 (i) local governing board policy;
- 123 (ii) state board rule; or
- 124 (iii) local ordinances; and
- 125 (f) evidence that the following agree to the proposal:
- 126 (i) a majority of the local governing board members of the participating LEA;
- 127 (ii) at each school within the high school feeder system:
- 128 (A) all administrators;
- 129 (B) a majority of teachers; and
- 130 (C) a majority of the school community council members;
- 131 (iii) the superintendent of the participating LEA;
- 132 (iv) the mayor or manager and at least one city council member of the local
- 133 municipality; and
- 134 (v) other community members committed to the goals of the proposal.
- 135 (5) The partnering LEA, backbone organization, and local municipality shall develop a
- 136 public dashboard using aggregated data showing the academic progress of students in
- 137 kindergarten through grade 8 in literacy and math.
- 138 (6) The state board shall:
- 139 (a) review a proposal for compliance with this section;
- 140 (b) subject to legislative appropriations, provide funds up to the amount requested in a
- 141 proposal to the LEA;
- 142 (c) grant any waiver to a state board rule identified in the proposal, unless the waiver
- 143 would:
- 144 (i) cause the LEA or a school within the high school feeder system to be in violation of
- 145 state or federal law;
- 146 (ii) threaten the health, safety, or welfare of students in the participating LEA; or
- 147 (iii) waive a rule related to:
- 148 (A) employee criminal background checks; or
- 149 (B) accounting principles; and

150 (d) carry out Subsections (5)(a) through (c) on a first come first served basis until the
151 state board distributes all appropriated funds.

152 (7) The participating LEA shall:

153 (a) distribute the allocated funds as outlined in the proposal;

154 (b) coordinate with the backbone organization to facilitate community resources that
155 are available to support students and families;

156 (c) provide one dedicated full-time staff at the superintendency level to oversee the
157 implementation of the proposal;

158 (d) provide regular information, professional development, training, and mentoring for
159 school administrators and teachers at each school in the high school feeder system;

160 (e) maintain detailed accounting records of the funds and make the accounting records
161 available for review at the request of:

162 (i) the board of the backbone organization;

163 (ii) the participating LEA's governing board;

164 (iii) the legislative body of the municipality;

165 (iv) the state board;

166 (v) the state auditor; and

167 (vi) the legislative auditor general;

168 (f) coordinate with the backbone organization to provide an annual progress report to
169 the LEA's governing board; and

170 (g) commit to data sharing systems and agreements that enable shared accountability
171 and shared work toward outcomes.

172 (8) The backbone organization shall:

173 (a) serve as the community liaison between the participating LEA, local municipal
174 leaders, and local community resources;

175 (b) identify:

176 (i) non-academic impediments that prevent students from accessing and engaging in
177 the learning process; and

178 (ii) opportunities or resources for students within the local community that can
179 improve student achievement;

180 (c) align and coordinate community resources to remove non-academic impediments to

181 students;

182 (d) facilitate the coordination of the delivery of community resources, programs, and
183 activities through the use of the school as a community-level hub; and

184 (e) coordinate needs from local municipal leaders.

185 (9) The participating local municipality shall:

186 (a) provide supportive programming that helps meet the proposal goals;

187 (b) align programing with participating schools;

188 (c) work with the backbone organization to engage community partners to contribute to
189 the goal; and

190 (d) commit to data sharing systems and agreements that enable shared accountability
191 and shared progress toward outcomes.

192 (10) The participating LEA, backbone organization, and local municipalities may not
193 use funds to supplant existing funds.

194 (11) The participating LEA may accept private grants, loans, gifts, endowments,
195 devises, or bequests that are made to support the proposal.

196 (12) Upon request of the Education Interim Committee, the participating LEA in
197 collaboration with the backbone organization and local municipal leaders shall report to the
198 Education Interim Committee on the pilot program's progress and outcomes.

199 Section 2. Section **63I-1-253 (Eff 07/01/24) (Cont Sup 01/01/25)** is amended to read:
200 **63I-1-253 (Eff 07/01/24) (Cont Sup 01/01/25). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through**
201 **53G.**

202 (1) Section **53-2a-105**, which creates the Emergency Management Administration
203 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.

204 (2) Sections **53-2a-1103** and **53-2a-1104**, which create the Search and Rescue Advisory
205 Board, are repealed July 1, 2027.

206 (3) Section **53-2d-703** is repealed July 1, 2027.

207 (4) Section **53-5-703**, which creates the Concealed Firearm Review Board, is repealed
208 July 1, 2024.

209 (5) Section **53B-6-105.5**, which creates the Technology Initiative Advisory Board, is
210 repealed July 1, 2024.

211 (6) Section **53B-7-709**, regarding five-year performance goals for the Utah System of

212 Higher Education is repealed July 1, 2027.

213 (7) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed
214 July 1, 2028.

215 (8) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

216 (9) Section 53B-17-1203, which creates the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is
217 repealed January 1, 2025.

218 (10) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

219 (11) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 18, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure
220 Research Center, is repealed on July 1, 2028.

221 (12) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), which provides for the distribution of money
222 from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other
223 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.

224 (13) Subsections 53E-3-503(5) and (6), which create coordinating councils for youth in
225 custody, are repealed July 1, 2027.

226 (14) In relation to a standards review committee, on January 1, 2028:

227 (a) in Subsection 53E-4-202(8), the language "by a standards review committee and the
228 recommendations of a standards review committee established under Section 53E-4-203" is
229 repealed; and

230 (b) Section 53E-4-203 is repealed.

231 (15) Section 53E-4-402, which creates the State Instructional Materials Commission, is
232 repealed July 1, 2027.

233 (16) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, is
234 repealed July 1, 2033.

235 (17) Section 53F-2-420, which creates the Intensive Services Special Education Pilot
236 Program, is repealed July 1, 2024.

237 (18) Section 53F-5-213 is repealed July 1, 2023.

238 (19) Section 53F-5-214, in relation to a grant for professional learning, is repealed July
239 1, 2025.

240 (20) Section 53F-5-215, in relation to an elementary teacher preparation grant, is
241 repealed July 1, 2025.

242 (21) Section 53F-5-219, which creates the Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot

243 Program, is repealed on July 1, 2025.

244 ~~(22)~~ Section [53F-5-222](#) is repealed July 1, 2030.

245 ~~[(22)]~~ (23) Subsection [53F-9-203](#)(7), which creates the Charter School Revolving
246 Account Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.

247 ~~[(23)]~~ (24) Subsections [53G-4-608](#)(2)(b) and (4)(b), related to the Utah Seismic Safety
248 Commission, are repealed January 1, 2025.

249 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) Section [53G-9-212](#), Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1,
250 2027.

251 ~~[(25)]~~ (26) Title 53G, Chapter 10, Part 6, Education Innovation Program, is repealed
252 July 1, 2027.

253 Section 3. Section **63I-1-253 (Contingently Effective 01/01/25)** is amended to read:

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281 recommendations of a standards review committee established under Section 53E-4-203" is
282 repealed; and

283 (b) Section 53E-4-203 is repealed.

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285 repealed July 1, 2027.

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296 Program, is repealed on July 1, 2025.

297 (22) Section 53F-5-222 is repealed July 1, 2030.

298 [~~22~~] (23) (a) Subsection 53F-9-201.1(2)(b)(ii), in relation to the use of funds from a
299 loss in enrollment for certain fiscal years, is repealed on July 1, 2030.

300 (b) On July 1, 2030, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall
301 renumber the remaining subsections accordingly.

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303 Account Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.

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310 Section 4. **FY 2025 Appropriation.**

311 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
312 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
313 fiscal year 2025.

314 Subsection 4(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets.**

315 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
316 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
317 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

318 ITEM 1 To State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic
319 School Programs

320 From Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account, One-time \$30,000,000

321 Schedule of Programs:

322 Long-term Educational Achievement Program \$30,000,000

323 Section 5. **Effective date.**

324 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on July 1, 2024.

325 (2) The actions affecting Section 63I-1-253 (Contingently Effective 01/01/25)
326 contingently take effect on January 1, 2025.