

**EDUCATOR LICENSING MODIFICATIONS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the public education code regarding educator licensing.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes the State Board of Education to implement an educator licensing system;
- ▶ repeals sections of code regarding educator licensing that are obsolete under the new educator licensing system;
- ▶ modifies provisions of existing code sections that are related to the previous educator licensing system, including endorsements and letters of authorization;
- ▶ repeals the requirement that a district superintendent hold a license;
- ▶ modifies provisions related to youth suicide prevention training for employees;
- ▶ repeals the Compact for Interstate Qualification of Educational Personnel; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53E-3-505**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1

**53E-6-102**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1

- 29 **53E-6-201**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
- 30 **53E-6-302**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
- 31 **53E-6-702**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
- 32 **53E-6-902**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
- 33 **53E-10-301**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
- 34 **53F-2-310**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2
- 35 **53F-2-405**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2
- 36 **53F-5-203**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2
- 37 **53F-5-205**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2
- 38 **53G-4-301**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3
- 39 **53G-5-407**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3
- 40 **53G-9-704**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3
- 41 **53G-11-501**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3
- 42 **53G-11-503**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3
- 43 **63G-7-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 300

44 REPEALS:

- 45 **53A-6-105 (Repealed 07/01/18)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 372
- 46 and repealed by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 472
- 47 **53E-6-202 (Superseded 07/01/18)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah
- 48 2018, Chapter 1
- 49 **53E-6-202 (Effective 07/01/18)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018,
- 50 Chapter 1
- 51 **53E-6-203**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
- 52 **53E-6-304**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
- 53 **53E-6-305**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
- 54 **53E-6-306**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
- 55 **53E-6-903**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1

- 56 **53E-6-1001**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 57 **53E-6-1002**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 58 **53E-6-1003**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 59 **53E-6-1004**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 60 **53E-6-1005**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 61 **53E-6-1006**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 62 **53E-6-1007**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 63 **53E-6-1008**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 64 **53E-6-1009**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 65 **53E-6-1010**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 66 **53E-6-1011**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
  - 67 **53E-7-305**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1
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69 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

70 Section 1. Section **53E-3-505** is amended to read:

71 **53E-3-505. Financial and economic literacy education.**

72 (1) As used in this section:

73 (a) "Financial and economic activities" include activities related to the topics listed in

74 Subsection (1)(b).

75 (b) "Financial and economic literacy concepts" include concepts related to the  
76 following topics:

77 (i) basic budgeting;

78 (ii) saving and financial investments;

79 (iii) banking and financial services, including balancing a checkbook or a bank account  
80 and online banking services;

81 (iv) career management, including earning an income;

82 (v) rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home;

- 83 (vi) retirement planning;
- 84 (vii) loans and borrowing money, including interest, credit card debt, predatory
- 85 lending, and payday loans;
- 86 (viii) insurance;
- 87 (ix) federal, state, and local taxes;
- 88 (x) charitable giving;
- 89 (xi) online commerce;
- 90 (xii) identity fraud and theft;
- 91 (xiii) negative financial consequences of gambling;
- 92 (xiv) bankruptcy;
- 93 (xv) free markets and prices;
- 94 (xvi) supply and demand;
- 95 (xvii) monetary and fiscal policy;
- 96 (xviii) effective business plan creation, including using economic analysis in creating a
- 97 plan;
- 98 (xix) scarcity and choices;
- 99 (xx) opportunity cost and tradeoffs;
- 100 (xxi) productivity;
- 101 (xxii) entrepreneurship; and
- 102 (xxiii) economic reasoning.
- 103 (c) "Financial and economic literacy passport" means a document that tracks mastery
- 104 of financial and economic literacy concepts and completion of financial and economic
- 105 activities in kindergarten through grade 12.
- 106 (d) "General financial literacy course" means the course of instruction described in
- 107 Section [53E-4-204](#).
- 108 (2) The State Board of Education shall:
- 109 (a) in cooperation with interested private and nonprofit entities:

- 110 (i) develop a financial and economic literacy passport that students may elect to  
111 complete;
- 112 (ii) develop methods of encouraging parent and educator involvement in completion of  
113 the financial and economic literacy passport; and
- 114 (iii) develop and implement appropriate recognition and incentives for students who  
115 complete the financial and economic literacy passport, including:
  - 116 (A) a financial and economic literacy endorsement on the student's diploma of  
117 graduation;
  - 118 (B) a specific designation on the student's official transcript; and
  - 119 (C) any incentives offered by community partners;
- 120 (b) more fully integrate existing and new financial and economic literacy education  
121 into instruction in kindergarten through grade 12 by:
  - 122 (i) coordinating financial and economic literacy instruction with existing instruction in  
123 other areas of the core standards for Utah public schools, such as mathematics and social  
124 studies;
  - 125 (ii) using curriculum mapping;
  - 126 (iii) creating training materials and staff development programs that:
    - 127 (A) highlight areas of potential coordination between financial and economic literacy  
128 education and other core standards for Utah public schools concepts; and
    - 129 (B) demonstrate specific examples of financial and economic literacy concepts as a  
130 way of teaching other core standards for Utah public schools concepts; and
  - 131 (iv) using appropriate financial and economic literacy assessments to improve financial  
132 and economic literacy education and, if necessary, developing assessments;
  - 133 (c) work with interested public, private, and nonprofit entities to:
    - 134 (i) identify, and make available to teachers, online resources for financial and  
135 economic literacy education, including modules with interactive activities and turnkey  
136 instructor resources;

- 137           (ii) coordinate school use of existing financial and economic literacy education  
138 resources;
- 139           (iii) develop simple, clear, and consistent messaging to reinforce and link existing  
140 financial literacy resources;
- 141           (iv) coordinate the efforts of school, work, private, nonprofit, and other financial  
142 education providers in implementing methods of appropriately communicating to teachers,  
143 students, and parents key financial and economic literacy messages; and
- 144           (v) encourage parents and students to establish higher education savings, including a  
145 Utah Educational Savings Plan account;
- 146           (d) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
147 make rules to develop guidelines and methods for school districts and charter schools to more  
148 fully integrate financial and economic literacy education into other core standards for Utah  
149 public schools courses;
- 150           (e) (i) contract with a provider, through a request for proposals process, to develop an  
151 online, end-of-course assessment for the general financial literacy course;
- 152           (ii) require a school district or charter school to administer an online, end-of-course  
153 assessment to a student who takes the general financial literacy course; and
- 154           (iii) develop a plan, through the state superintendent of public instruction, to analyze  
155 the results of an online, end-of-course assessment in general financial literacy that includes:
- 156           (A) an analysis of assessment results by standard; and  
157           (B) average scores statewide and by school district and school; and
- 158           (f) in cooperation with school districts, charter schools, and interested private and  
159 nonprofit entities, provide opportunities for professional development in financial and  
160 economic literacy to teachers, including:
- 161           (i) a statewide learning community for financial and economic literacy;  
162           (ii) summer workshops; and  
163           (iii) online videos of experts in the field of financial and economic literacy education[;

164 and].

165 ~~[(g) implement a teacher endorsement in general financial literacy that includes course~~  
166 ~~work in financial planning, credit and investing, consumer economics, personal budgeting, and~~  
167 ~~family economics.]~~

168 (3) (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a task force to study and make  
169 recommendations to the board on how to improve financial and economic literacy education in  
170 the public school system.

171 (b) The task force membership shall include representatives of:

172 (i) the State Board of Education;

173 (ii) school districts and charter schools;

174 (iii) the State Board of Regents; and

175 (iv) private or public entities that teach financial education and share a commitment to  
176 empower individuals and families to achieve economic stability, opportunity, and upward  
177 mobility.

178 ~~[(c) In 2013, the task force shall:]~~

179 ~~[(i) review and recommend modifications to the course standards and objectives of the~~  
180 ~~general financial literacy course described in Section 53E-4-204 to ensure the course standards~~  
181 ~~and objectives reflect current and relevant content consistent with the financial and economic~~  
182 ~~literacy concepts listed in Subsection (1)(b);]~~

183 ~~[(ii) study the development of an online assessment of students' competency in~~  
184 ~~financial and economic literacy that may be used to:]~~

185 ~~[(A) measure student learning growth and proficiency in financial and economic~~  
186 ~~literacy; and]~~

187 ~~[(B) assess the effectiveness of instruction in financial and economic literacy;]~~

188 ~~[(iii) consider the development of a rigorous, online only, course to fulfill the general~~  
189 ~~financial literacy curriculum and graduation requirements specified in Section 53E-4-204;]~~

190 ~~[(iv) identify opportunities for teaching financial and economic literacy through an~~

191 ~~integrated school curriculum and in the regular course of school work;]~~

192 ~~[(v) study and make recommendations for educator license endorsements for teachers~~  
193 ~~of financial and economic literacy;]~~

194 ~~[(vi) identify efficient and cost-effective methods of delivering professional~~  
195 ~~development in financial and economic literacy content and instructional methods; and]~~

196 ~~[(vii) study how financial and economic literacy education may be enhanced through~~  
197 ~~community partnerships.]~~

198 ~~[(d)]~~ (c) The task force shall reconvene every three years to review and recommend  
199 adjustments to the standards and objectives of the general financial literacy course.

200 ~~[(e) The State Board of Education shall make a report to the Education Interim~~  
201 ~~Committee no later than the committee's November 2013 meeting summarizing the findings~~  
202 ~~and recommendations of the task force and actions taken by the board in response to the task~~  
203 ~~force's findings and recommendations.]~~

204 Section 2. Section **53E-6-102** is amended to read:

205 **53E-6-102. Definitions.**

206 As used in this chapter:

207 ~~[(1) "Accredited institution" means an institution meeting the requirements of Section~~  
208 ~~53E-6-302.]~~

209 ~~[(2) (a) "Alternative preparation program" means preparation for licensure in~~  
210 ~~accordance with applicable law and rule through other than an approved preparation program.]~~

211 ~~[(b) "Alternative preparation program" includes the competency-based licensing~~  
212 ~~program described in Section 53E-6-306.]~~

213 ~~[(3) "Ancillary requirement" means a requirement established by law or rule in addition~~  
214 ~~to completion of an approved preparation program or alternative education program or~~  
215 ~~establishment of eligibility under the NASDTEC Interstate Contract, and may include any of~~  
216 ~~the following:]~~

217 ~~[(a) minimum grade point average;]~~



218 ~~[(b) standardized testing or assessment;]~~  
219 ~~[(c) mentoring;]~~  
220 ~~[(d) recency of professional preparation or experience;]~~  
221 ~~[(e) graduation from an accredited institution; or]~~  
222 ~~[(f) evidence relating to moral, ethical, physical, or mental fitness.]~~  
223 ~~[(4) "Approved preparation program" means a program for preparation of educational~~  
224 ~~personnel offered through an accredited institution in Utah or in a state which is a party to a~~  
225 ~~contract with Utah under the NASDTEC Interstate Contract and which, at the time the program~~  
226 ~~was completed by the applicant:]~~  
227 ~~[(a) was approved by the governmental agency responsible for licensure of educators in~~  
228 ~~the state in which the program was provided;]~~  
229 ~~[(b) satisfied requirements for licensure in the state in which the program was~~  
230 ~~provided;]~~  
231 ~~[(c) required completion of a baccalaureate; and]~~  
232 ~~[(d) included a supervised field experience.]~~  
233 ~~[(5) "Board" means the State Board of Education.]~~  
234 (1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.  
235 ~~[(6)] (2) "Certificate" means a license issued by a governmental jurisdiction outside the~~  
236 ~~state.~~  
237 ~~[(7) "Core academic subjects" means English, reading or language arts, mathematics,~~  
238 ~~science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography.]~~  
239 ~~[(8)] (3) "Educator" means:~~  
240 (a) a person who holds a license;  
241 (b) a teacher, counselor, administrator, librarian, or other person required, under rules  
242 of the board, to hold a license; or  
243 (c) a person who is the subject of an allegation which has been received by the board or  
244 UPPAC and was, at the time noted in the allegation, a license holder or a person employed in a

245 position requiring licensure.

246 ~~[(9) (a) "Endorsement" means a stipulation appended to a license setting forth the areas~~  
247 ~~of practice to which the license applies.]~~

248 ~~[(b) An endorsement shall be issued upon completion of a competency-based teacher~~  
249 ~~preparation program from a regionally accredited university that meets state content standards.]~~

250 ~~[(10) "License" means an authorization issued by the board which permits the holder to~~  
251 ~~serve in a professional capacity in the public schools. The five levels of licensure are:]~~

252 ~~[(a) "letter of authorization," which is:]~~

253 ~~[(i) a temporary license issued to a person who has not completed requirements for a~~  
254 ~~competency-based, or level 1, 2, or 3 license, such as:]~~

255 ~~[(A) a student teacher; or]~~

256 ~~[(B) a person participating in an alternative preparation program; or]~~

257 ~~[(ii) a license issued, pursuant to board rules, to a person who has achieved eminence,~~  
258 ~~or has outstanding qualifications, in a field taught in public schools;]~~

259 ~~[(b) "competency-based license" which is issued to a teacher based on the teacher's~~  
260 ~~demonstrated teaching skills and abilities;]~~

261 ~~[(c) "level 1 license," which is a license issued upon completion of:]~~

262 ~~[(i) a competency-based teacher preparation program from a regionally accredited~~  
263 ~~university; or]~~

264 ~~[(ii) an approved preparation program or an alternative preparation program, or~~  
265 ~~pursuant to an agreement under the NASDTEC Interstate Contract, to candidates who have~~  
266 ~~also met all ancillary requirements established by law or rule;]~~

267 ~~[(d) "level 2 license," which is a license issued after satisfaction of all requirements for~~  
268 ~~a level 1 license as well as any additional requirements established by law or rule relating to~~  
269 ~~professional preparation or experience; and]~~

270 ~~[(e) "level 3 license," which is a license issued to an educator who holds a current Utah~~  
271 ~~level 2 license and has also received, in the educator's field of practice, National Board~~

272 certification or a doctorate from an accredited institution.]

273 [(11) "NASDTEC" means the National Association of State Directors of Teacher  
274 Education and Certification.]

275 [(12) "NASDTEC Interstate Contract" means the contract implementing Part 10;  
276 Compact for Interstate Qualification of Educational Personnel, which is administered through  
277 NASDTEC.]

278 (4) "License" means an authorization issued by the board that permits the holder to  
279 serve in a professional capacity in the public schools.

280 [(13)] (5) "National Board certification" means a current certificate issued by the  
281 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

282 [(14)] (6) "Rule" means an administrative rule adopted by the board under Title 63G,  
283 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

284 [(15)] (7) "School" means a public or private entity [which] that provides educational  
285 services to a minor child.

286 [(16)] (8) "UPPAC" means the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission.  
287 Section 3. Section 53E-6-201 is amended to read:

288 **53E-6-201. Board licensure.**

289 [(1) (a) The board may issue licenses for educators.]

290 [(b) A person employed in a position that requires licensure by the board shall hold the  
291 appropriate license.]

292 (1) To be fully implemented by July 1, 2020, and, if technology and funds are  
293 available, the board shall establish in rule a system for educator licensing that includes:

294 (a) an associate educator license that permits an individual to provide educational  
295 services in a public school while working to meet the requirements of a professional educator  
296 license;

297 (b) a professional educator license that permits an individual to provide educational  
298 services in a public school after demonstrating that the individual meets licensure requirements

299 established in board rule; and

300 (c) an LEA-specific educator license issued by the board at the request of an LEA's  
301 governing body that is valid for an individual to provide educational services in the requesting  
302 LEA's schools.

303 (2) An individual employed in a position that requires licensure by the board shall hold  
304 the license that is appropriate to the position.

305 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) (a) The board may by rule rank, endorse, or otherwise classify licenses and  
306 establish the criteria for obtaining ~~[and]~~, retaining, and reinstating licenses.

307 ~~[(b) (i) The board shall make rules requiring participation in professional development~~  
308 ~~activities or compliance with a school district professional development plan as provided in~~  
309 ~~Subsection (4) in order for educators to retain their licenses.]~~

310 ~~[(ii)]~~ (b) An educator who is enrolling in a course of study at an institution within the  
311 state system of higher education to satisfy the ~~[professional development requirements of~~  
312 ~~Subsection (2)(b)(i)]~~ board requirements for retaining a license is exempt from tuition, except  
313 for a semester registration fee established by the State Board of Regents, if:

314 ~~[(A)]~~ (i) the educator is enrolled on the basis of surplus space in the class after  
315 regularly enrolled students have been assigned and admitted to the class in accordance with  
316 regular procedures, normal teaching loads, and the institution's approved budget; and

317 ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) enrollments are determined by each institution under rules and guidelines  
318 established by the State Board of Regents in accordance with findings of fact that space is  
319 available for the educator's enrollment.

320 ~~[(3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), unless suspended or revoked by the board,~~  
321 ~~or surrendered by the educator:]~~

322 ~~[(a) a letter of authorization is valid for one year, or a shorter period as specified by the~~  
323 ~~board, subject to renewal by the board in accordance with board rules;]~~

324 ~~[(b) a competency-based license remains valid;]~~

325 ~~[(c) a level 1 license is valid for three years, subject to renewal by the board in~~

326 ~~accordance with board rules;]~~

327 ~~[(d) a level 2 license is valid for five years, subject to renewal by the board in~~  
328 ~~accordance with board rules; and]~~

329 ~~[(e) a level 3 license is valid for seven years, subject to renewal by the board in~~  
330 ~~accordance with board rules.]~~

331 ~~[(4) Unless suspended or revoked by the board, or surrendered by the educator, a level~~  
332 ~~1, level 2, level 3, or competency-based license shall remain valid if:]~~

333 ~~[(a) the license holder is employed by a school district that has a comprehensive~~  
334 ~~program to maintain and improve educators' skills in which performance standards, educator~~  
335 ~~evaluation, and professional development are integrated; and]~~

336 ~~[(b) the license holder complies with school or school district professional~~  
337 ~~development requirements.]~~

338 Section 4. Section **53E-6-302** is amended to read:

339 **53E-6-302. Teacher preparation programs.**

340 (1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
341 board shall make rules that establish standards for approval of a preparation program [~~or an~~  
342 ~~alternative preparation program~~].

343 (2) The board shall ensure that standards adopted under Subsection (1) meet or exceed  
344 generally recognized national standards for preparation of educators[~~, such as those developed~~  
345 ~~by the~~].

346 ~~[(a) Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium;]~~

347 ~~[(b) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; or]~~

348 ~~[(c) Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.]~~

349 (3) The board shall designate an employee of the board's staff to:

350 (a) work with education deans of state institutions of higher education to coordinate  
351 on-site monitoring of teacher preparation programs that may include:

352 (i) monitoring courses for teacher preparation programs;

353 (ii) working with course instructors for teacher preparation programs; and  
354 (iii) interviewing students admitted to teacher preparation programs;  
355 (b) act as a liaison between:  
356 (i) the board;  
357 (ii) local school boards or charter school governing boards; and  
358 (iii) representatives of teacher preparation programs; and  
359 (c) report the employee's findings and recommendations for the improvement of  
360 teacher preparation programs to:

361 (i) the board; and  
362 (ii) education deans of state institutions of higher education.

363 (4) The board shall:

364 (a) in good faith, consider the findings and recommendations described in Subsection  
365 (3)(c); and

366 (b) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
367 make rules, as the board determines is necessary, to implement recommendations described in  
368 Subsection (3)(c).

369 Section 5. Section **53E-6-702** is amended to read:

370 **53E-6-702. Reimbursement of legal fees and costs to educators.**

371 (1) As used in this section:

372 (a) "Action" means any action, except those referred to in Section [52-6-201](#), brought  
373 against an educator by an individual or entity other than:

374 (i) the entity who licenses the educator; and

375 (ii) the ~~[school district]~~ LEA that employs the educator or employed the educator at the  
376 time of the alleged act or omission.

377 (b) "Educator" means an individual who holds or is required to hold a license ~~[under~~  
378 ~~this chapter]~~ as defined by the board and is employed by ~~[a school district]~~ an LEA located  
379 within the state.

380 (c) [~~"School district" includes the~~] "LEA" means a school district, charter school, or the  
381 Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind [~~and the state's applied technology centers~~].

382 (2) Except as otherwise provided in Section 52-6-201, an educator is entitled to recover  
383 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the educator's defense against an individual or  
384 entity who initiates an action against the educator if:

385 (a) the action is brought for any act or omission of the educator during the performance  
386 of the educator's duties within the scope of the educator's employment; and

387 (b) it is dismissed or results in findings favorable to the educator.

388 (3) An educator who recovers under this section is also entitled to recover reasonable  
389 attorneys' fees and costs necessarily incurred by the educator in recovering the attorneys' fees  
390 and costs allowed under Subsection (2).

391 Section 6. Section 53E-6-902 is amended to read:

392 **53E-6-902. Teacher leaders.**

393 (1) As used in this section, "teacher" means an educator who has an assignment to  
394 teach in a classroom.

395 (2) There is created the role of a teacher leader to:

396 (a) work with a student teacher and a teacher who supervises a student teacher;

397 (b) assist with the training of a recently hired teacher; and

398 (c) support school-based professional learning.

399 (3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
400 board[~~;(a)~~] shall make rules that:

401 [(i)] (a) define the role of a teacher leader, including the functions described in  
402 Subsection (2); and

403 [(ii)] (b) establish the minimum criteria for a teacher to qualify as a teacher leader[  
404 and].

405 [~~(b) may make rules that create an endorsement for a teacher leader.]~~

406 [~~(4) A school district or charter school may assign a teacher to a teacher leader position~~]

407 ~~without a teacher leader endorsement.]~~

408 ~~[(5)(a)]~~ (4) The board shall solicit recommendations from school districts and  
409 educators regarding:

410 ~~[(i)]~~ (a) appropriate resources to provide a teacher leader; and

411 ~~[(ii)]~~ (b) appropriate ways to compensate a teacher leader.

412 ~~[(b) The board shall report the board's findings and recommendations described in~~  
413 ~~Subsection (5) (4)(a) to the Education Interim Committee on or before the committee's~~  
414 ~~November 2016 interim meeting.]~~

415 Section 7. Section 53E-10-301 is amended to read:

416 **53E-10-301. Definitions.**

417 (1) "Concurrent enrollment" means enrollment in a course offered through the  
418 concurrent enrollment program described in Section 53E-10-302.

419 (2) "Educator" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-6-102.

420 (3) "Eligible instructor" means an instructor who is:

421 (a) employed as faculty by an institution of higher education; or

422 (b) (i) employed by an LEA;

423 (ii) licensed by the State Board of Education under Chapter 6, Education Professional  
424 Licensure;

425 (iii) (A) approved as adjunct faculty by an institution of higher education; or

426 (B) a mathematics educator who has an upper level mathematics ~~[endorsement]~~  
427 credential issued by the State Board of Education; and

428 (iv) supervised by an institution of higher education.

429 (4) "Eligible student" means a student who:

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

432 (b) has a plan for college and career readiness, as described in Section 53E-2-304, on  
433 file at a high school within the state; and



434 (c) (i) is a grade 11 or grade 12 student; or  
435 (ii) is a grade 9 or grade 10 student who qualifies by exception as described in Section  
436 53E-10-302.

437 [~~(5) "Endorsement" means a stipulation, authorized by the State Board of Education~~  
438 ~~and appended to a license, that specifies an area of practice to which the license applies.~~]

439 [~~(6)~~ (5) "Institution of higher education" means the same as that term is defined in  
440 Section 53B-3-102.

441 [~~(7)~~ (6) "License" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-6-102.

442 [~~(8)~~ (7) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school.

443 [~~(9)~~ (8) "Participating eligible student" means an eligible student enrolled in a  
444 concurrent enrollment course.

445 [~~(10) "Upper level mathematics endorsement" means an endorsement required by the~~  
446 ~~State Board of Education for an educator to teach calculus.~~]

447 [~~(11)~~ (9) "Value of the weighted pupil unit" means the same as that term is defined in  
448 Section 53F-4-301.

449 Section 8. Section 53F-2-310 is amended to read:

450 **53F-2-310. Stipends for special educators for additional days of work.**

451 (1) As used in this section:

452 (a) "IEP" means an individualized education program developed pursuant to the  
453 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, as amended.

454 (b) "Special education teacher" means a teacher whose primary assignment is the  
455 instruction of students with disabilities who are eligible for special education services.

456 (c) "Special educator" means a person employed by a school district, charter school, or  
457 the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind who holds:

458 (i) a license issued [~~under Title 53E, Chapter 6, Education Professional Licensure~~] by  
459 the State Board of Education; and

460 (ii) a position as a:

- 461 (A) special education teacher; [~~or~~]  
462 (B) speech-language pathologist[~~;~~]; or  
463 (C) teacher of the deaf or hard of hearing;  
464 (2) The Legislature shall annually appropriate money for stipends to special educators  
465 for additional days of work:  
466 (a) in recognition of the added duties and responsibilities assumed by special educators  
467 to comply with federal law regulating the education of students with disabilities and the need to  
468 attract and retain qualified special educators; and  
469 (b) subject to future budget constraints.  
470 (3) (a) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated under this  
471 section to school districts, charter schools, and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind for  
472 stipends for special educators in the amount of \$200 per day for up to 10 additional working  
473 days.  
474 (b) Money distributed under this section shall include, in addition to the \$200 per day  
475 stipend, money for the following employer-paid benefits:  
476 (i) retirement;  
477 (ii) workers' compensation;  
478 (iii) Social Security; and  
479 (iv) Medicare.  
480 (4) A special educator receiving a stipend shall:  
481 (a) work an additional day beyond the number of days contracted with the special  
482 educator's school district or school for each daily stipend;  
483 (b) schedule the additional days of work before or after the school year; and  
484 (c) use the additional days of work to perform duties related to the IEP process,  
485 including:  
486 (i) administering student assessments;  
487 (ii) conducting IEP meetings;

- 488 (iii) writing IEPs;
- 489 (iv) conferring with parents; and
- 490 (v) maintaining records and preparing reports.
- 491 (5) A special educator may:
- 492 (a) elect to receive a stipend for one to 10 days of additional work; or
- 493 (b) elect to not receive a stipend.
- 494 (6) A person who does not hold a full-time position as a special educator is eligible for
- 495 a partial stipend equal to the percentage of a full-time special educator position the person
- 496 assumes.

497 Section 9. Section **53F-2-405** is amended to read:

498 **53F-2-405. Educator salary adjustments.**

499 (1) As used in this section, "educator" means a person employed by a school district,

500 charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind who holds:

501 (a) a license issued [~~under Title 53E, Chapter 6, Education Professional Licensure;~~

502 ~~and~~] by the State Board of Education; and

503 (b) a position as a:

- 504 (i) classroom teacher;
- 505 (ii) speech pathologist;
- 506 (iii) librarian or media specialist;
- 507 (iv) preschool teacher;
- 508 (v) mentor teacher;
- 509 (vi) teacher specialist or teacher leader;
- 510 (vii) guidance counselor;
- 511 (viii) audiologist;
- 512 (ix) psychologist; or
- 513 (x) social worker.

514 (2) In recognition of the need to attract and retain highly skilled and dedicated

515 educators, the Legislature shall annually appropriate money for educator salary adjustments,  
516 subject to future budget constraints.

517 (3) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for educator salary  
518 adjustments shall be distributed to school districts, charter schools, and the Utah Schools for  
519 the Deaf and the Blind in proportion to the number of full-time-equivalent educator positions  
520 in a school district, a charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind as  
521 compared to the total number of full-time-equivalent educator positions in school districts,  
522 charter schools, and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

523 (4) A school district, a charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind  
524 shall award bonuses to educators as follows:

525 (a) the amount of the salary adjustment shall be the same for each full-time-equivalent  
526 educator position in the school district, charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the  
527 Blind;

528 (b) an individual who is not a full-time educator shall receive a partial salary adjustment  
529 based on the number of hours the individual works as an educator; and

530 (c) a salary adjustment may be awarded only to an educator who has received a  
531 satisfactory rating or above on the educator's most recent evaluation.

532 (5) The State Board of Education may make rules as necessary to administer this  
533 section, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

534 (6) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall appropriate sufficient  
535 money each year to:

536 (i) maintain educator salary adjustments provided in prior years; and

537 (ii) provide educator salary adjustments to new employees.

538 (b) Money appropriated for educator salary adjustments shall include money for the  
539 following employer-paid benefits:

540 (i) retirement;

541 (ii) worker's compensation;

542 (iii) social security; and

543 (iv) Medicare.

544 (7) (a) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall:

545 (i) maintain the salary adjustments provided to school administrators in the 2007-08  
546 school year; and

547 (ii) provide salary adjustments for new school administrators in the same amount as  
548 provided for existing school administrators.

549 (b) The appropriation provided for educator salary adjustments shall include salary  
550 adjustments for school administrators as specified in Subsection (7)(a).

551 (c) In distributing and awarding salary adjustments for school administrators, the State  
552 Board of Education, a school district, a charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the  
553 Blind shall comply with the requirements for the distribution and award of educator salary  
554 adjustments as provided in Subsections (3) and (4).

555 Section 10. Section **53F-5-203** is amended to read:

556 **53F-5-203. Interventions for Reading Difficulties Pilot Program.**

557 (1) As used in this section:

558 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

559 (b) "Dyslexia" means a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin and  
560 characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and  
561 decoding abilities that typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language  
562 that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective  
563 classroom instruction.

564 [~~(c) "Endorsement" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-6-102.~~]

565 [~~(c)~~] (c) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means:

566 (i) a school district;

567 (ii) a charter school; or

568 (iii) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

569           ~~[(e)]~~ (d) "Multi-Tier System of Supports" or "MTSS" means a framework integrating  
570 assessment and intervention that:

571           (i) provides increasingly intensive interventions for students at risk for or experiencing  
572 reading difficulties, including:

573           (A) tier II interventions that, in addition to standard classroom reading, provide  
574 supplemental and targeted small group instruction in reading using evidence-based curricula;  
575 and

576           (B) tier III interventions that address the specific needs of students who are the most at  
577 risk or who have not responded to tier II interventions by providing frequent, intensive, and  
578 targeted small group instruction using evidence-based curricula; and

579           (ii) is developed to:

580           (A) maximize student achievement;

581           (B) reduce behavior problems; and

582           (C) increase long-term success.

583           ~~[(f)]~~ (e) "Program" means the Interventions for Reading Difficulties Pilot Program.

584           ~~[(g)]~~ (f) "Reading difficulty" means an impairment, including dyslexia, that negatively  
585 affects a student's ability to learn to read.

586           (2) There is created the Interventions for Reading Difficulties Pilot Program to provide:

587           (a) specific evidence-based literacy interventions using an MTSS for students in  
588 kindergarten through grade 5 who are at risk for or experiencing a reading difficulty, including  
589 dyslexia; and

590           (b) professional development to educators who provide the literacy interventions  
591 described in Subsection (2)(a).

592           (3) (a) An LEA may submit a proposal to the board to participate in the program.

593           (b) An LEA proposal described in Subsection (3)(a) shall:

594           (i) specify:

595           (A) a range of current benchmark assessment in reading scores described in Section

596 53E-4-307 that the LEA will use to determine whether a student is at risk for a reading  
597 difficulty; and

598 (B) other reading difficulty risk factors that the LEA will use to determine whether a  
599 student is at risk for a reading difficulty;

600 (ii) describe the LEA's existing reading program;

601 (iii) describe the LEA's MTSS approach; and

602 (iv) include any other information requested by the board.

603 (c) The board may:

604 (i) specify the format for an LEA proposal; and

605 (ii) set a deadline for an LEA to submit a proposal.

606 (4) The board shall:

607 (a) define criteria for selecting an LEA to participate in the program;

608 (b) during fiscal year 2016, select five LEAs to participate in the program:

609 (i) on a competitive basis; and

610 (ii) using criteria described in Subsection (4)(a); and

611 (c) provide each LEA, selected as described in Subsection (4)(b), up to \$30,000 per  
612 school within the LEA.

613 (5) During fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019, if funding allows, the board may select  
614 additional LEAs to participate in the program.

615 (6) An LEA that participates in the program:

616 (a) shall, beginning with the 2016-17 school year, provide the interventions described  
617 in Subsection (7)(c) from the time the LEA is selected until the end of the 2018-19 school year;  
618 and

619 (b) may provide the professional development described in Subsections (8)(a) and (b)  
620 beginning in fiscal year 2016.

621 (7) An LEA that participates in the program shall:

622 (a) select at least one school in the LEA to participate in the program;

623 (b) identify students in kindergarten through grade 5 for participation in the program

624 by:

625 (i) using current benchmark assessment in reading scores as described in Section

626 53E-4-307; and

627 (ii) considering other reading difficulty risk factors identified by the LEA;

628 (c) provide interventions for each student participating in the program using an MTSS

629 implemented by an educator trained in evidence-based interventions;

630 (d) include the LEA's proposal submitted under Subsection (3)(b) in the reading

631 achievement plan described in Section 53E-4-306 for each school in the LEA that participates

632 in the program; and

633 (e) report annually to the board on:

634 (i) individual student outcomes in changes in reading ability;

635 (ii) school level outcomes; and

636 (iii) any other information requested by the board.

637 (8) Subject to funding for the program, an LEA may use the funds described in

638 Subsection (4)(c) for the following purposes:

639 (a) to provide for ongoing professional development in evidence-based literacy

640 interventions;

641 (b) to support educators in earning a reading interventionist [~~endorsement~~] credential

642 that prepares teachers to provide a student who is at risk for or experiencing reading difficulty,

643 including dyslexia, with reading intervention that is:

644 (i) explicit;

645 (ii) systematic; and

646 (iii) targeted to a student's specific reading difficulty; and

647 (c) to implement the program.

648 (9) The board shall contract with an independent evaluator to evaluate the program on:

649 (a) whether the program improves reading outcomes for a student who receives the



650 interventions described in Subsection (7)(c);

651 (b) whether the program may reduce future special education costs; and

652 (c) any other student or school achievement outcomes requested by the board.

653 (10) (a) The board shall make a final report on the program to the Education Interim  
654 Committee on or before November 1, 2018.

655 (b) In the final report described in Subsection (10)(a), the board shall include the  
656 results of the evaluation described in Subsection (9).

657 Section 11. Section **53F-5-205** is amended to read:

658 **53F-5-205. Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarship Program -- Grants for math**  
659 **teacher training programs.**

660 (1) (a) The terms defined in Section **53E-6-102** apply to this section.

661 (b) As used in this section, "paraeducator" means a school employee who:

662 (i) delivers instruction under the direct supervision of a teacher; and

663 (ii) works in an area where there is a shortage of qualified teachers, such as special  
664 education, Title I, ESL, reading remediation, math, or science.

665 (2) The Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarship Program is created to award scholarships  
666 to paraeducators for education and training to become licensed teachers.

667 (3) The State Board of Education shall use money appropriated for the Paraeducator to  
668 Teacher Scholarship Program to award scholarships of up to \$5,000 to paraeducators employed  
669 by school districts and charter schools who are pursuing an associate's degree or bachelor's  
670 degree program to become a licensed teacher.

671 (4) A paraeducator is eligible to receive a scholarship if:

672 (a) the paraeducator is employed by a school district or charter school;

673 (b) is admitted to, or has made an application to, an associate's degree program or  
674 bachelor's degree program that will prepare the paraeducator for teacher licensure; and

675 (c) the principal at the school where the paraeducator is employed has nominated the  
676 paraeducator for a scholarship.

677 (5) (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a committee to select scholarship  
678 recipients from nominations submitted by school principals.

679 (b) The committee shall include representatives of the State Board of Education, State  
680 Board of Regents, and the general public, excluding school district and charter school  
681 employees.

682 (c) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but  
683 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

684 (i) Section 63A-3-106;

685 (ii) Section 63A-3-107; and

686 (iii) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and  
687 63A-3-107.

688 (d) The committee shall select scholarship recipients based on the following criteria:

689 (i) test scores, grades, or other evidence demonstrating the applicant's ability to  
690 successfully complete a teacher education program; and

691 (ii) the applicant's record of success as a paraeducator.

692 (6) The maximum scholarship amount is \$5,000.

693 (7) Scholarship money may only be used to pay for tuition costs:

694 (a) of:

695 (i) an associate's degree program that fulfills credit requirements for the first two years  
696 of a bachelor's degree program leading to teacher licensure; or

697 (ii) the first two years of a bachelor's degree program leading to teacher licensure; and

698 (b) at a higher education institution:

699 (i) located in Utah; and

700 (ii) accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

701 (8) A scholarship recipient must be continuously employed as a paraeducator by a  
702 school district or charter school while pursuing a degree using scholarship money.

703 (9) The State Board of Education shall make rules in accordance with this section and

704 Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to administer the Paraeducator to  
 705 Teacher Scholarship Program, including rules establishing:

- 706 (a) scholarship application procedures;
- 707 (b) the number of, and qualifications for, committee members who select scholarship  
 708 recipients; and
- 709 (c) procedures for distributing scholarship money.

710 (10) If the state obtains matching funds of equal sums from private contributors, the  
 711 board may award grants to institutions of higher education or nonprofit educational  
 712 organizations for programs that provide:

- 713 (a) mentoring and training leading to a secondary education license with [~~an~~  
 714 ~~endorsement~~] a certificate in mathematics for an individual who:
  - 715 (i) is not a teacher in a public or private school;
  - 716 (ii) does not have a teaching license;
  - 717 (iii) has a bachelor's degree or higher; and
  - 718 (iv) demonstrates a high level of mathematics competency by:
    - 719 (A) successfully completing substantial course work in mathematics; and
    - 720 (B) passing a mathematics content exam; or
- 721 (b) a stipend, professional development, and leadership opportunities to an experienced  
 722 mathematics teacher who demonstrates high content knowledge and exemplary teaching and  
 723 leadership skills to assist the teacher in becoming a teacher leader.

724 (11) (a) The board shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
 725 Administrative Rulemaking Act, that establish criteria for awarding grants under this section.

726 (b) In awarding grants, the board shall consider the amount or percent of matching  
 727 funds provided by the grant recipient.

728 Section 12. Section **53G-4-301** is amended to read:

729 **53G-4-301. Local superintendent of schools -- Appointment -- Qualifications --**  
 730 **Term -- Compensation.**

731 (1) Subject to Subsection ~~[(8)]~~ (7), a local school board shall appoint a district  
732 superintendent of schools who serves as the local school board's chief executive officer.

733 (2) A local school board shall appoint the superintendent on the basis of outstanding  
734 professional qualifications.

735 (3) (a) A superintendent's term of office is for two years and until, subject to  
736 Subsection ~~[(8)]~~ (7), a successor is appointed and qualified.

737 (b) A local school board that appoints a superintendent in accordance with this section  
738 may not, on or after May 10, 2011, enter into an employment contract that contains an  
739 automatic renewal provision with the superintendent.

740 (4) Unless a vacancy occurs during an interim vacancy period subject to Subsection  
741 ~~[(8)]~~ (7), if it becomes necessary to appoint an interim superintendent due to a vacancy in the  
742 office of superintendent, the local school board shall make an appointment during a public  
743 meeting for an indefinite term not to exceed one year, which term shall end upon the  
744 appointment and qualification of a new superintendent.

745 ~~[(5)(a) The superintendent shall hold an administrative/supervisory license issued by  
746 the State Board of Education, except as otherwise provided in Subsection (5)(b).]~~

747 ~~[(b) At the request of a local school board, the State Board of Education shall grant a  
748 letter of authorization permitting a person with outstanding professional qualifications to serve  
749 as superintendent without holding an administrative/supervisory license.]~~

750 ~~[(6)]~~ (5) A local school board shall set the superintendent's compensation for services.

751 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) A superintendent qualifies for office by taking the constitutional oath of  
752 office.

753 ~~[(8)]~~ (7) (a) As used in this Subsection ~~[(8)]~~ (7), "interim vacancy period" means the  
754 period of time that:

755 (i) begins on the day on which a general election described in Section 20A-1-202 is  
756 held to elect a member of a local school board; and

757 (ii) ends on the day on which the member-elect begins the member's term.

758 (b) (i) The local school board may not appoint a superintendent during an interim  
759 vacancy period.

760 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection ~~[(8)]~~ (7)(b)(i):

761 (A) the local school board may appoint an interim superintendent during an interim  
762 vacancy period; and

763 (B) the interim superintendent's term shall expire once a new superintendent is  
764 appointed by the new local school board after the interim vacancy period has ended.

765 (c) Subsection ~~[(8)]~~ (7)(b) does not apply if all the local school board members who  
766 held office on the day of the general election whose term of office was vacant for the election  
767 are re-elected to the local school board for the following term.

768 Section 13. Section **53G-5-407** is amended to read:

769 **53G-5-407. Employees of charter schools.**

770 (1) A charter school shall select its own employees.

771 (2) The school's governing board shall determine the level of compensation and all  
772 terms and conditions of employment, except as otherwise provided in Subsections (7) and (8)  
773 and under this chapter and other related provisions.

774 (3) The following statutes governing public employees and officers do not apply to a  
775 charter school:

776 (a) Chapter 11, Part 5, School District and ~~[Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind]~~  
777 USDB Employee Requirements; and

778 (b) Title 52, Chapter 3, Prohibiting Employment of Relatives.

779 (4) (a) To accommodate differentiated staffing and better meet student needs, a charter  
780 school, under rules adopted by the State Board of Education, shall employ teachers who~~[(i)]~~  
781 are licensed~~[; or]~~.

782 ~~[(ii) on the basis of demonstrated competency, would qualify to teach under alternative  
783 certification or authorization programs:]~~

784 (b) The school's governing board shall disclose the qualifications of its teachers to the

785 parents of its students.

786 (5) State Board of Education rules governing the licensing or certification of  
787 administrative and supervisory personnel do not apply to charter schools.

788 (6) (a) An employee of a school district may request a leave of absence in order to  
789 work in a charter school upon approval of the local school board.

790 (b) While on leave, the employee may retain seniority accrued in the school district and  
791 may continue to be covered by the benefit program of the district if the charter school and the  
792 locally elected school board mutually agree.

793 (7) (a) A proposed or authorized charter school may elect to participate as an employer  
794 for retirement programs under:

- 795 (i) Title 49, Chapter 12, Public Employees' Contributory Retirement Act;
- 796 (ii) Title 49, Chapter 13, Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement Act; and
- 797 (iii) Title 49, Chapter 22, New Public Employees' Tier II Contributory Retirement Act.

798 (b) An election under this Subsection (7):

799 (i) shall be documented by a resolution adopted by the governing board of the charter  
800 school; and

801 (ii) applies to the charter school as the employer and to all employees of the charter  
802 school.

803 (c) The governing board of a charter school may offer employee benefit plans for its  
804 employees:

805 (i) under Title 49, Chapter 20, Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act;

806 or

807 (ii) under any other program.

808 (8) A charter school may not revoke an election to participate made under Subsection  
809 (7).

810 (9) The governing board of a charter school shall ensure that, prior to the beginning of  
811 each school year, each of its employees signs a document acknowledging that the employee:

- 812 (a) has received:
- 813 (i) the disclosure required under Section 63A-4-204.5 if the charter school participates
- 814 in the Risk Management Fund; or
- 815 (ii) written disclosure similar to the disclosure required under Section 63A-4-204.5 if
- 816 the charter school does not participate in the Risk Management Fund; and
- 817 (b) understands the legal liability protection provided to the employee and what is not
- 818 covered, as explained in the disclosure.

819 Section 14. Section 53G-9-704 is amended to read:

820 **53G-9-704. Youth suicide prevention training for employees.**

821 (1) A school district or charter school shall require a licensed employee to complete a

822 minimum of two hours of professional development training on youth suicide prevention

823 ~~[within the employee's license cycle described in Section 53E-6-201]~~ every three years.

824 (2) The board shall:

- 825 (a) develop or adopt sample materials to be used by a school district or charter school
- 826 for professional development training on youth suicide prevention; and
- 827 (b) in rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
- 828 Rulemaking Act, incorporate the training described in Subsection (1) into professional
- 829 development training described in Section 53E-6-201.

830 Section 15. Section 53G-11-501 is amended to read:

831 **53G-11-501. Definitions.**

832 As used in this part:

833 (1) "Administrator" means an individual who ~~[:]~~ supervises educators and holds an

834 appropriate license issued by the State Board of Education.

835 ~~[(a) serves in a position that requires:]~~

836 ~~[(i) an educator license with an administrative area of concentration; or]~~

837 ~~[(ii) a letter of authorization described in Section 53G-4-301 or 53E-6-304; and]~~

838 ~~[(b) supervises school administrators or teachers.]~~

839 (2) "Career educator" means a licensed employee who has a reasonable expectation of  
840 continued employment under the policies of a local school board.

841 (3) "Career employee" means an employee of a school district who has obtained a  
842 reasonable expectation of continued employment based upon Section 53G-11-503 and an  
843 agreement with the employee or the employee's association, district practice, or policy.

844 (4) "Contract term" or "term of employment" means the period of time during which an  
845 employee is engaged by the school district under a contract of employment, whether oral or  
846 written.

847 (5) "Dismissal" or "termination" means:

848 (a) termination of the status of employment of an employee;

849 (b) failure to renew or continue the employment contract of a career employee beyond  
850 the then-current school year;

851 (c) reduction in salary of an employee not generally applied to all employees of the  
852 same category employed by the school district during the employee's contract term; or

853 (d) change of assignment of an employee with an accompanying reduction in pay,  
854 unless the assignment change and salary reduction are agreed to in writing.

855 (6) "Educator" means an individual employed by a school district who is required to  
856 hold a professional license issued by the State Board of Education, except:

857 (a) a superintendent; or

858 (b) an individual who works less than three hours per day or is hired for less than half  
859 of a school year.

860 (7) (a) "Employee" means a career or provisional employee of a school district, except  
861 as provided in Subsection (7)(b).

862 (b) Excluding Section 53G-11-518, for purposes of this part, "employee" does not  
863 include:

864 (i) a district superintendent or the equivalent at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the  
865 Blind;



866 (ii) a district business administrator or the equivalent at the Utah Schools for the Deaf  
867 and the Blind; or

868 (iii) a temporary employee.

869 (8) "Last-hired, first-fired layoff policy" means a staff reduction policy that mandates  
870 the termination of an employee who started to work for a district most recently before  
871 terminating a more senior employee.

872 (9) "Probationary educator" means an educator employed by a school district who,  
873 under local school board policy, has been advised by the school district that the educator's  
874 performance is inadequate.

875 (10) "Provisional educator" means an educator employed by a school district who has  
876 not achieved status as a career educator within the school district.

877 (11) "Provisional employee" means an individual, other than a career employee or a  
878 temporary employee, who is employed by a school district.

879 (12) "School board" or "board" means a district school board or, for the Utah Schools  
880 for the Deaf and the Blind, the State Board of Education.

881 (13) "School district" or "district" means:

882 (a) a public school district; or

883 (b) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

884 (14) "Summative evaluation" means the annual evaluation that summarizes an  
885 educator's performance during a school year and that is used to make decisions related to the  
886 educator's employment.

887 (15) "Temporary employee" means an individual who is employed on a temporary  
888 basis as defined by policies adopted by the local board of education. If the class of employees  
889 in question is represented by an employee organization recognized by the local board, the board  
890 shall adopt the board's policies based upon an agreement with that organization. Temporary  
891 employees serve at will and have no expectation of continued employment.

892 (16) (a) "Unsatisfactory performance" means a deficiency in performing work tasks

893 that may be:

894 (i) due to insufficient or undeveloped skills or a lack of knowledge or aptitude; and

895 (ii) remediated through training, study, mentoring, or practice.

896 (b) "Unsatisfactory performance" does not include the following conduct that is

897 designated as a cause for termination under Section 53G-11-512 or a reason for license

898 discipline by the State Board of Education or Utah Professional Practices Advisory

899 Commission:

900 (i) a violation of work rules;

901 (ii) a violation of local school board policies, State Board of Education rules, or law;

902 (iii) a violation of standards of ethical, moral, or professional conduct; or

903 (iv) insubordination.

904 Section 16. Section 53G-11-503 is amended to read:

905 **53G-11-503. Career employee status for provisional employees -- Career status**

906 **in the event of change of position -- Continuation of probationary status when position**

907 **changes -- Temporary status for extra duty assignments.**

908 (1) (a) A provisional employee must work for a school district on at least a half-time  
909 basis for three consecutive years to obtain career employee status.

910 (b) A school district may extend the provisional status of an employee up to an  
911 additional two consecutive years in accordance with a written policy adopted by the district's  
912 school board that specifies the circumstances under which an employee's provisional status  
913 may be extended.

914 (2) Policies of an employing school district shall determine the status of a career  
915 employee in the event of the following:

916 (a) the employee accepts a position which is substantially different from the position in  
917 which career status was achieved; or

918 (b) the employee accepts employment in another school district.

919 (3) If an employee who is under an order of probation or remediation in one

920 assignment in a school district is transferred or given a new assignment in the district, the order  
921 shall stand until its provisions are satisfied.

922 (4) An employee who is given extra duty assignments in addition to a primary  
923 assignment, such as a teacher who also serves as a coach or activity advisor, is a temporary  
924 employee in those extra duty assignments and may not acquire career status beyond the primary  
925 assignment.

926 ~~[(5) A person is an at-will employee and is not eligible for career employee status if the  
927 person:]~~

928 ~~[(a) is a teacher who holds a competency-based license pursuant to Section [53E-6-306](#)  
929 and does not hold a level 1, 2, or 3 license as defined in Section [53E-6-102](#); or]~~

930 ~~[(b) holds an administrative/supervisory letter of authorization pursuant to Section  
931 [53E-6-304](#).]~~

932 Section 17. Section **63G-7-102** is amended to read:

933 **63G-7-102. Definitions.**

934 As used in this chapter:

935 (1) "Arises out of or in connection with, or results from," when used to describe the  
936 relationship between conduct or a condition and an injury, means that:

937 (a) there is some causal relationship between the conduct or condition and the injury;

938 (b) the causal relationship is more than any causal connection but less than proximate  
939 cause; and

940 (c) the causal relationship is sufficient to conclude that the injury originates with, flows  
941 from, or is incident to the conduct or condition.

942 (2) "Claim" means any asserted demand for or cause of action for money or damages,  
943 whether arising under the common law, under state constitutional provisions, or under state  
944 statutes, against a governmental entity or against an employee in the employee's personal  
945 capacity.

946 (3) (a) "Employee" includes:

- 947 (i) a governmental entity's officers, employees, servants, trustees, or commissioners;  
948 (ii) members of a governing body;  
949 (iii) members of a government entity board;  
950 (iv) members of a government entity commission;  
951 (v) members of an advisory body, officers, and employees of a Children's Justice  
952 Center created in accordance with Section [67-5b-102](#);  
953 (vi) student teachers holding a [~~letter of authorization in accordance with Sections~~  
954 ~~53E-6-102 and 53E-6-201~~] license issued by the State Board of Education;  
955 (vii) educational aides;  
956 (viii) students engaged in providing services to members of the public in the course of  
957 an approved medical, nursing, or other professional health care clinical training program;  
958 (ix) volunteers as defined by Subsection [67-20-2\(3\)](#); and  
959 (x) tutors.  
960 (b) "Employee" includes all of the positions identified in Subsection (3)(a), whether or  
961 not the individual holding that position receives compensation.  
962 (c) "Employee" does not include an independent contractor.  
963 (4) "Governmental entity" means the state and its political subdivisions as both are  
964 defined in this section.  
965 (5) (a) "Governmental function" means each activity, undertaking, or operation of a  
966 governmental entity.  
967 (b) "Governmental function" includes each activity, undertaking, or operation  
968 performed by a department, agency, employee, agent, or officer of a governmental entity.  
969 (c) "Governmental function" includes a governmental entity's failure to act.  
970 (6) "Injury" means death, injury to a person, damage to or loss of property, or any other  
971 injury that a person may suffer to the person or estate, that would be actionable if inflicted by a  
972 private person or the private person's agent.  
973 (7) "Personal injury" means an injury of any kind other than property damage.

974 (8) "Political subdivision" means any county, city, town, school district, community  
975 reinvestment agency, special improvement or taxing district, local district, special service  
976 district, an entity created by an interlocal agreement adopted under Title 11, Chapter 13,  
977 Interlocal Cooperation Act, or other governmental subdivision or public corporation.

978 (9) "Property damage" means injury to, or loss of, any right, title, estate, or interest in  
979 real or personal property.

980 (10) "State" means the state of Utah, and includes each office, department, division,  
981 agency, authority, commission, board, institution, hospital, college, university, Children's  
982 Justice Center, or other instrumentality of the state.

983 (11) "Willful misconduct" means the intentional doing of a wrongful act, or the  
984 wrongful failure to act, without just cause or excuse, where the actor is aware that the actor's  
985 conduct will probably result in injury.

986 Section 18. **Repealer.**

987 This bill repeals:

988 Section **53A-6-105 (Repealed 07/01/18), Licensing fees -- Credit to subfund --**  
989 **Payment of expenses.**

990 Section **53E-6-202 (Superseded 07/01/18), Reinstatement of a license.**

991 Section **53E-6-202 (Effective 07/01/18), Reinstatement of a license.**

992 Section **53E-6-203, Teacher classifications.**

993 Section **53E-6-304, Administrative/supervisory letters of authorization.**

994 Section **53E-6-305, Alternative preparation program -- Work experience**  
995 **requirement.**

996 Section **53E-6-306, Licensing by competency.**

997 Section **53E-6-903, JROTC instructors.**

998 Section **53E-6-1001, Enactment of compact.**

999 Section **53E-6-1002, Purpose and intent of compact -- Findings.**

1000 Section **53E-6-1003, Definitions.**

- 1001 Section **53E-6-1004**, **Contracts for acceptance of educational personnel.**
- 1002 Section **53E-6-1005**, **Effect of compact on other state laws and regulations.**
- 1003 Section **53E-6-1006**, **Agreement by party states.**
- 1004 Section **53E-6-1007**, **Evaluation of compact.**
- 1005 Section **53E-6-1008**, **Scope of compact.**
- 1006 Section **53E-6-1009**, **Effective date -- Withdrawal from compact -- Continuing**
- 1007 **obligations.**
- 1008 Section **53E-6-1010**, **Construction of compact.**
- 1009 Section **53E-6-1011**, **Superintendent of public instruction as designated state**
- 1010 **official.**
- 1011 Section **53E-7-305**, **Licensing of teachers.**