

1                   **UTAH RECOGNIZING INSPIRING SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**

2                                   **AWARD PROGRAM**

3                                   2020 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Lee B. Perry**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard

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8                   **LONG TITLE**

9                   **General Description:**

10                   This bill creates the Utah Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award Program.

11                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

12                   This bill:

- 13                   ▶ creates the Utah Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award Program;
- 14                   ▶ requires the governor to consider the nomination of the governing board of the

15 association that represents a majority of classified school employees employed in

16 the state in making a nomination to the Secretary of Education for the federal

17 Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award Program; and

- 18                   ▶ awards the Utah Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award to the governor's
- 19 nominee for the federal Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award Program.

20                   **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21                   None

22                   **Other Special Clauses:**

23                   None

24                   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25                   ENACTS:

26                   **53G-11-519**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29                   Section 1. Section **53G-11-519** is enacted to read:

30 **53G-11-519. Utah Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "Association" means the governing board of the association that represents a  
33 majority of classified school employees employed in the state.

34 (b) "Classified school employee" means the same as that term is defined in the  
35 Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6682.

36 (c) "Eligible individual" means a classified school employee who meets the eligibility  
37 requirements to be a nominee for the Recognizing Achievement in Classified School  
38 Employees Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6681 et seq.

39 (2) (a) In accordance with the Recognizing Achievement in Classified School  
40 Employees Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6681 et seq., the governor shall annually nominate a classified  
41 school employee for the Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award Program.

42 (b) The governor shall consider submissions from the association in making the  
43 nomination described in Subsection (2)(a).

44 (c) The association shall submit a list of eligible individuals to the governor no later  
45 than September 1 each year, beginning on September 1, 2020.

46 (3) (a) There is created the Utah Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award  
47 Program to recognize excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing  
48 services to students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

49 (b) The Utah Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award shall be awarded to the  
50 governor's nominee for the federal Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award Program  
51 under the Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6681  
52 et seq.