

EDUCATOR LICENSING AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kim Coleman

Senate Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions relating to educator licensing.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to make certain rules regarding administrative or supervisory licensing; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-6-110, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 315

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

Section 1. Section **53A-6-110** is amended to read:

53A-6-110. Administrative/supervisory licensing.

(1) A local school board or charter school governing board may request, and the [State Board of Education] board may grant, a letter of authorization permitting a person with



28 outstanding professional qualifications to serve in any position that requires a person to hold an
29 administrative/supervisory license or certificate, including principal, assistant principal,
30 associate principal, vice principal, assistant superintendent, administrative assistant, director,
31 specialist, or other district position.

32 (2) [~~The State Board of Education~~] In addition to the positions described in Subsection
33 (1), the board may grant a letter of authorization permitting a person with outstanding
34 professional qualifications to serve in any position [~~at the State Office of Education~~] that
35 requires a person to hold an administrative/supervisory license or certificate.

36 (3) (a) In accordance with Subsections (3)(b), (c), and (d), the board shall make rules
37 for an administrative/supervisory license that allows the board to license applicants from a
38 variety of professional backgrounds.

39 (b) The board may not make rules for an administrative/supervisory license or a
40 classification of an administrative/supervisory license if the license or classification does not
41 meet the requirements described in Subsections (3)(c) and (d).

42 (c) The board may not require that an applicant described in Subsection (3)(a):

43 (i) have a particular graduate degree;

44 (ii) hold a teaching license;

45 (iii) complete an education leadership graduate program;

46 (iv) obtain a professional recommendation solely from a school with an approved
47 preparation program; or

48 (v) have experience in an education field.

49 (d) The board may require that an applicant described in Subsection (3)(a):

50 (i) hold a graduate degree;

51 (ii) pass an administrative/supervisory test; or

52 (iii) obtain a professional recommendation.

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